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# Suicide bomber thought to be behind Mosul blast

First reports suggested aerial attack; soldiers sweep city Page 4



A soldier wounded in the attack on the American base in Mosul, Iraq, is loaded onto a bus at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. At nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, trauma surgeons and volunteers prepared as more than 40 wounded in the explosion at the dining facility were flown in Wednesday night on a U.S. Air Force C-141 Starlifter. 第3種郵便物認可

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#### **TODAY IN STRIPES**

# Ne ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### **States**

School experiment relaunched: Nearly two years after their experiments were destroyed in the Columbia shuttle explosion, U.S. high

school students are getting a second chance to see how space affects everyday things such as hair, flowering seeds and plant food.

This time, the work of the students at 11 high schools across the United States will be on board an unmanned Russian supply rocket headed for the International Space Station. Its launch was scheduled for Thursday.

Chicago high-rise fire: Investigators have determined that the downtown high-rise fire that raged for 5½ hours earlier this month was caused by an electrical malfunction.

At least 37 people, including nearly two dozen firefighters, were injured in the Dec. 6 fire on the upper floors of the LaSalle Bank headquarters. The stubborn blaze required more than 300 firefighters to bring it under control.

The fire started in the space above a ceiling on the building's 29th floor, but officials do not know the exact point where it began or what sparked it, said Lt. Anthony Martin of the Chicago Fire Department.

**Bus evacuation:** Local and state officials involved in a test evacuation of schools last week plan to meet privately to figure out what went wrong, leaving nearly 1,000 students without bus transportation.

A clear picture of the glitches that undercut the Dec. 16 evacuation — and what changes can be made to the area's evacuation plan — will be the focus of Wednesday's meeting, several emergency officials said Monday.

The private meeting will include representatives from the local school district, the town of Brattleboro, Vermont Emergency Management and the Laidlaw bus company of New Hampshire.

#### World

**Bobby Fischer:** Iceland has rejected a U.S. request to drop the offer of a residency permit for former American chess champion Bobby Fischer, officials said Tuesday.

U.S. Ambassador James Gadsden had asked the country last week to withdraw its offer because Fischer is wanted in the United States on criminal charges on charges of violating international sanctions against Yu-

JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Str

"Cookie Crunch" is here: Staff Sgt. Kelly Brochu, left, of the 374th Comptroller Squadron and Corl Dawkins bag cookies for the fifth annual "Cookie Crunch" at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Sponsored by the Yokota Enilsted Spouses Club, the event spreads holiday cheer via bags of cookies to the unaccompanied servicemembers at the base. Organizers said they anticipated shoult 11.000 donated rookies from base pseiders.

goslavia for playing chess there in 1992.

But on Monday, Foreign Secretary David Oddsson invited Gadsden to a meeting and told the U.S. ambassador that the Icelandic government stood by its offer, Icelandic officials said

Gadsden was told that Iceland wanted to recognize its historic connection with Fischer, who has been held in great esteem here since winning the chess World Championship in Revkjavik in 1972.

**U.S. protests in Cuba:** Thousands of Cuban university students rallied outside the U.S. Interests Section in the capital to protest the mission's Christmas display supporting local dissidents.

The students listened to speeches and waved signs with socialist slogans and images of revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara at Anti-imperialist Plaza near the mis-

Government media on Tuesday estimated the crowd at 5,000.

International media based in Cuba were

not invited to Monday's night's event.

**Bird flu in Japan:** Japan reported its first case of bird flu in a human on Wednesday — a man who got the disease from birds.

Bird flu has swept through farms across Asia this year, forcing officials to cull more than 100 million birds. The disease has also jumped to humans, killing 12 people in Thailand and 20 in Vietnam.

Although there has been no evidence of human-to-human transmission, experts worry that the virus could mutate into a version easily spread among people, setting off a global pandemic.

The man caught the bird flu virus while disinfecting a contaminated poultry farm in western Kyoto during an outbreak in Japan earlier this year, the Health Ministry said.

It was the first confirmed case of human infection from the disease in Japan, the ministry said in a statement, adding that the man showed no symptoms other than a headache that lasted several days.

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In the USS Essex's Intensive Care Unit, Lt. Cmdr. David A. Serafini, the Essex's senior medical officer, examines an Iraqi patient.

# Essex treats Iraqi in N. Arabian Gulf

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

The USS Essex medical staff has treated an Iraqi man with serious head injuries who was rescued by a British ship on Monday.

The HMS Marlborough rescued the injured crewmember from the Iraqi-flagged dhow while conducting routine operations in the North Arabian Gulf near the Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal, stated a news report from the Essex.

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from the Essex.
The USS Typhoon received a
distress call from the dhow at approximately 7:35 p.m. and radioed Marlborough. The Marlborough dispatched a medical officer
and small-boat boarding team,
the report added.

One of the dhow's 10 crewmembers, struck on the head by a winch handle while hauling in fishing nets, was knocked overboard, the report stated. The injured crewmember was unconscious when recovered and was helicoptered from the Marlborough to the Essex for further treatment.

"The rescued Iraqi remains in critical condition," the report stated, and was to be transferred to a medical facility ashore.

The Essex is an amphibious assault ship. However, with 15 intensive-care unit beds and 36 additional beds in its hospital ward, the massive ship's secondary mission is to provide high-level hospital care.

The Essex Expeditionary Strike Group is part of Task Force 50, currently operating in the Arabian Gulf with other coalition forces in support of operations in Iraq.

The strike group, composed of the Essex, USS Harpers Ferry and USS Juneau, operates from Sasebo Naval Base, Japan.

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# 'Ride Now, Pay Later' starts

## Sasebo sailors get home safely; CPOA mediates fare

BY GREG TYLER

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Servicemembers and others who lack both cash and a car, or who have no business driving one, can turn to the Sasebo Chief Petty Officers' Association's "Ride

Now, Pay Later" program starting Friday evening. The CPOA and the local Japanese Taxi Association signed a contract Tuesday to guarantee taxi fares for such people, said Senior Chief Petty Officer Oscar Mercado, CPOA president.

"If a sailor, or any SOFA-sponsored person, is out in town and out of money and needs to catch a ride to housing, main base or Hario," he said, "the taxi drivers will have a guarantee that somebody will pay for the cab through the Sasebo CPOA."

Here's how it will work: The passenger will be asked to fill out a small form with personal and command information, which the driver will take to the Security Department. The next day, the CPoA will contact the individual's command or sponsor to recoupt the total fare. The drivers are to note the ID fax the ticket to base security; fares owed will be paid to each company at the end of every month.

"All the city taxi companies are involved," Mercado said. "However, if you use one of the taxis without a base sticker, they can only drop you as far as the gates."

Sasebo's King Taxi Company's fleet can drive on the base and a few taxis from other companies have base-access stickers, a Sasebo Safety Office official

said Wednesday.

Mercado said the CPOA wanted the taxi agreement to ensure SOFA-sponsored personnel can get home safely, especially if inebriated.

"We don't want drunken sailors driving around out in town and getting in trouble, or getting hurt on the way back because they didn't have any money and decided to walk," Mercado said.

"You can't take the alcohol away from the sailors; when they go outside the gate, that's the first thing on their minds. 'I'm going to go out and get some drinks. ... two drinks.' Then after two drinks, they get more, and more. Then they realize they don't have any money left," he said.

"I think this is a good idea," said Toshifumi Imazato of Sasebo Haitaku Kyodo Corp., which is making the forms to be given to taxi drivers. 'I heard from taxi drivers that there had been trouble" when sailors were drunk and lacked the taxi fare or their ID card, he said, adding he hopes this will decrease the number of troublesome incidents.

Imazato said Wednesday that the tickets will be distributed to the drivers "around Friday evening."

Mercado said, "I think we will probably lose some money doing this but the CPOA decided this is some-

thing we want to do for the community. Losing a little money is OK."

Call Mercado at DSN 252-3381 for more informa-

tion about Ride Now, Pay Later.

Hana Kusumoto contributed to this report.

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#### The Temptations at Club Trilogy



JOHN WOODS/Courtesy of the U.S. Nav

Members of the singing group The Temptations perform at Club Trilogy at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan, on Tuesday. The group, whose hits include "My Girl" and "The Way You Do The Things You Do," performed at a concert sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

# USS Houston scheduled to arrive at new home on Guam

Stars and Stripes

The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Houston is scheduled to arrive in its new permanent base of Apra Harbor, Guam, today.

The Houston will be joining USS City of Corpus Christi and USS San Francisco as the third submarine in the class to attach to Submarine Squadron 15 before the end of this year. The Houston, formerly based out of Bremerton, Wash., has been under way for almost two weeks, according to a U.S. Naval Forces Marianas news release. A ceremony at Polaris Point is to follow immediately its arrival on Guam.

The Los Angeles class of submarines is designed to seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships. Other missions range from intelligence gathering and Special Forces delivery to anti-ship and strike warfare. About 150 sailors and officers crew each submarine. Navy Lt. Arwen Consaul, Guam Naval

Navy Lt. Arwen Consaul, Guam Naval Base spokeswoman, told Stars and Stripes in October that moving submarines to Guam is a great timesaver for the Navy.

"Strategically, Guam's Central Pacific location offers significant savings in both time and distance for submarines," she said. "Pacific Fleet submarine assets can be on station much quicker once stationed on Guam." The release stated that with increasing operational tasks and a decreasing number of fleet assets, the Guam-based submarines let the Navy almost double the number of mission days on station by reducing the distance traveled from their perma-

nent base to their area of operation.

The original Submarine Squadron 15 was formed in Pearl Harbor in 1963. The squadron was moved to Guam in 1964, dissolved in 1981 and re-established on Sept. 23, 2001.

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# **Myers: Suicide bomber likely culprit in Mosul**

# 13 servicemembers killed in blast; general defends leadership at base

# U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, at least 1,319 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,021 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military

The AP count is 19 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. FST Tuesday

The British military has reported 75 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three: Estonia. Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1.181 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 912 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 9,981 been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Denartment's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military

An attack on a mess hall near Mosul on Tuesday killed 15 U.S. servicemembers

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No new identifications re-

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON. Va. - Tues day's explosion in the dining hall at a base in Mosul was caused by a suicide bomber, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Ri-

chard Myers said Wednesday. "At this point, it looks like an improvised explosive device worn by an attacker," Myers

told Pentagon reporters. The explosion, which occurred at Forward Operating Base Marez in Mosul, killed 22 people, including 13 U.S. servicemembers, five civilian U.S. con-tractors, three Iraqi security force personnel, and "or non-U.S. person," Myers said.

An additional 69 people were injured in the attack, "including 44 U.S. military, 7 U.S. contractors, 5 Department of Defense civilians, two Iraqi civilians, 10 contractors of other nationalities, and one of unknown nationality and occupation," Myers

said Asked whether the unidentified person who was killed be the suicide bomber, Myers said that "is to be deter-mined."

A Pentagon command statement issued later Wednesday said: "Evidence found at the site includes components normally associated with imporvised explosive devices. There was no physical evidence of a rocket, mortar, or other type of indirect fire weapon

"As a result of these findings, the statement said, Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, commanding general of the multinational corps in Iraq, "has ordered a full investigation to determine the complete facts and circumstances surrounding the attack.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, also at Wednesday's briefing, offered condolences to the families and friends of the dead and wounded, saving that their grief is something I feel to them injured soldiers from - arrived on an Air Mosul Force C-141 transport plane at Ramstein Air Base in Germany for treatment at nearby Landstu hl Regional Medical Center, said Mai. Mike Young, a base spokes-

The hospital said at least eight were in critical condition, Landstuhl spokeswoman Marie Shaw said. With a light snow falling, some wounded were carried out on stretchers, while about a dozen were expected to be well enough to walk off the plane.

An Associated Press reporter aw almost no cars or people on the streets of Mosul on Wednesday and most schools in the city were closed, although a formal curfew was not declared.

Even traffic policemen were not at major intersections as usual

Asked whether it was wise for so many servicemembers to been put together in a "soft" facility at the same time, Myers bristled

"There are lots of congregations like that, various forma-tions, where an individual bent on suicide" can succeed, Myers said. "It's not a viable strategy to ask everyone to separate. These are the calls that the combatant commanders make.'

Myers said. "Any judgment that [Brig. Gen. Carter Ham, commander

of Task Force Olympia in Mosul] isn't worried about force protection is ludicrous." Myers "He has led [his troops] "We have had a suicide bomb-

er, apparently, strap something to his - apparently a 'him' strap something to his body, apparently, and go into a dining hall," Myers said.

"We know how difficult this is prevent people bent on sui-"This is the insurgents who did this," Myers said. "It was not ing hall."

The war in Iraq is not a conventional war "with very neat front lines," Myers said.

"We have no front lines," Myers said. "The front line can be a dining hall, it can be the road outside the base, it can be the police station or the govers office."

Force protection "is an enor-mous challenge," Rumsfeld Rumsfeld added, especially from suicide attackers, who "can attack at any place or any time. Commanders trying to protect

troops from insurgents "have to be right 100 percent of the time," Rumsfeld said. "The attacker only has to be

right once ' As for future attacks, "the way we prevent this [from happening again] is we win," Myers said. "And that's what we're going to do."

The Associated Press contributed to this report. E-mail Lisa Burgess at: burgessl@stripes.osd.mil





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# Citing poor security, company pulls out of contract in Iraq

WASHINGTON - An internaconstruction company has pulled out of its contract to rebuild Iraq's transportation systems, deciding it was too dangerous to stay, a spokesman for the U.S.-led reconstruction effort said Wednesday.

Contrack International Inc. withdrew from its contract last month after a surge in attacks on reconstruction efforts, said Lt. Col. Eric Schnaible of the Pentagon's Project and Contract Office in Baghdad.

"It's hard to do construction in a place where people are shooting at you or intimidating work force," Schnaible said in a telephone interview. "It's a challenge across the coun-

try."
The PCO has taken over management of about 18 subcontractors working on transportation

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said Contrack's pullout was mutually agreed-to separation' not signal movement by U.S.-based compa-nies to abandon Iraq.

"Some parts of the country are a whole lot more permissive than others," Schnaible said.
"Where we can get the work done, good things are happen-

Contrack President Karim Camel-Toueg did not immediately return telephone messages left at the company's Arlington,

Va., offices Wednesday. Security concerns have been a major reason for the slow pace of reconstruction, which has frustrated Iraqi and U.S. offi-

Of the \$18.4 billion in Iraqi reconstruction money approved by Congress more than a year ago, less than \$2 billion has been spent, PCO head Charles

Hess said last month.

# **ACLU: Officers didn't take** Iraq abuse claims serious

By TED BRIDIS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Hundreds of pages of Army records released by the American Civil Liberties Union describe alleged mistreatment of Iraqi citizens by U.S. soldiers that the ACLU charges were not taken seriously by superiors.

The records described one investigation into whether an Army staff sergeant attempted to give a captured Iraqi an old handgun to justify shooting

A U.S. soldier said the sergeant, whose name was marked out in the documents, told his troops, "If he grabs this gun, shoot him!"

The Iraqi, a museum guard initially suspected of firing an AK-47 at troops, refused to take the gun, investigators said. "I thought he was going to shoot him, another U.S. soldier told Army investigators

The sergeant denied it. "I can understand they may have misinterpreted what I said to the detainhe told investigators, "but if they said I was trying to give the detainee the weapon or said to shoot him, then they are lying."

Another soldier described the sergeant who was investigated as a good soldier. "If someone was shooting at one of my soldiers. I would be unset also," this soldier said. He added that, "This is getting carried away. We don't know what our role is in

The ACLU, given the documents under the Freedom of Information Act, said the government reports illustrated troubling patterns of alleged abuses that weren't taken seriously. "These kinds of crimes should not simply be brushed under the rug," said ACLU Executive Director Anthony Rome-

The latest disclosures about alleged mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners followed reports earlier this week

that military interrogators at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, some posing as FBI agents, humiliated and abused detainees, including inserting lit cigarettes in their ears

President Bush expects full investigations into all reports of prisoner abuse, a spokesman said Tues-

day.
"The president expects that if there are allegations of abuse, that those allegations need to be taken seriously," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "People need to be held accountable and brought to justice if they're involved in wrongdoing, and that preventive measures and corrective measures are put in place to prevent it from happening again."

Army spokesman Col. Joseph Curtin said the doc-uments released by the ACLU are "indicative that the Army takes seriously any allegation of detainee abuse. Any allegation will be investigated

The reports said one U.S. soldier, whose name was marked out on documents, fatally shot an Iraqi prisoner in September 2003 in Tikrit. The soldier was reduced to the lowest rank possible and discharged from the Army in the shooting.

Army criminal investigators determined there was probable cause to charge the soldier with murder and send him to court-martial.

But he was charged and punished administrative ly for voluntary manslaughter, the documents showed.

The soldier said the victim, Obeed Hethere Radad, was trying to escape. But the investigation found the soldier did not attempt to warn Radad in any fashion, which is mandatory under U.S. military

It was unclear if the military had ever acknowledged this prisoner death before. Officials had made vague references to a September 2003 inci-dent in which a solider was discharged for using excessive force in killing an Iraqi prisoner, but alleged that prisoner threw rocks at the soldier first.

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#### Aid offered to provide Marine's e-mail

WIXOM, Mich. - Offers of help have been pouring in for a Michigan man who is trying to persuade online giant Yahoo! to allow him access to the e-mail account of his son, a Marine killed in Irag.

From lawyers to computer-code crackers, people across the nation have come forward wanting to help the family of 20-year-old Justin M. Ellsworth, who was killed last month during a foot patrol in Iraq.

"Oh, my God. It's been incredible," said John Ellsworth, Justin's father. "It's an overwhelming response. ... Things are really moving. I'm very encouraged by it all, but I still have my reservations."

Yahoo! is standing by its policy of protecting the privacy of its e-mail subscribers, spokeswoman Karen Mahon said.

One man started an online petition Tuesday to pressure Yahoo! to allow access to the account. Lawvers have offered free legal services and other people have offered money to help the family pay costs they might incur. Two computer forensic examiners have offered to crack the mystery of the e-mail password

The policy of Yahoo! is to erase the entire account after it has been idle for 90 days. It's not known when Ellsworth last used the account. He died Nov. 3, meaning the account would be erased by Feb. 1.

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## IN THE WORLD

# Tanzanian acquitted in '98 embassy bombing

BY SUKHDEV CHHATBAR The Associated Press

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania

— A High Court judge on
Wednesday found a Tanzanian
businessman innocent of conspiracy to commit murder in the
1998 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in the East African nation.

Judge Emilian Mushi ordered the immediate release of Rashid Saleh Hemed, 34, who was charged in connection with the terror attack that killed 12 people and was blamed on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. A nearly simultaneous blast at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, the captial of neighboring Kenya, killed 219 people, including 12 Americans

"You cannot convict someone with doubtful evidence," Mushi told the court, after declaring that prosecutors failed to prove beyond doubt that Hemed was involved in the plot to bomb the

embassy

Prosecutors said that they would not appeal the ruling.

"I am not surprised with the judgment because I knew I was not guilty right from the beginning," Hemed said while walking out of the court.

Hemed, a car parts dealer, was the first person charged in connection with the Aug. 7, 1998, attacks in Tanzania and Kenya. His trial began in 2000.

enya. His trial began in 2000. In 2001, four men were convicted in New York of conspiracy to carry out the bombings and sentenced to life in prison. In Kenya, three men are on trial

for allegedly taking part in a series of al-Qaida attacks, including the U.S. Embassy bombing.

Hemed initially was charged with 11 counts of murder in Sep-

Hemed initially was charged with 11 counts of murder in September 1998, but the charges were later reduced to conspiracy to commit murder. One person died from injuries after the charges were brought. Hemed

pleaded innocent to the charges

In February, three court assessors declared Hemed innocent, but under Tanzanian law, the presiding judge makes the final ruling.

The prosecution called 18 witnesses during the trial, including three FBI agents who testified last month that on Hemed's clothes they found traces of bomb-making chemicals similar to those used in the embassy bombing.

# EU orders Microsoft to divulge Windows secrets

BY RAF CASERT The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union struck at the commercial backbone of Microsoff's global software empire on Wednesday — forcing the company for the first time to strip its Windows platform of a popular feature to give competitors a better shot at success.

An EU court ruled that Microsoft Corp. must immediately divulge some trades so-crets to competitors and produce a version of its flagship Windows operating system without the program that plays music and video.

The 91-page ruling thwarts Microsoft's attempt to delay, pending appeal, implementation of the EU's landmark antitrust decision in March that demanded changes in the software giant's business practices.

The company said it would start shipping Windows without its digital Media Player within weeks so it will be on sale as an alternative to the full Windows program by February.

Microsoft lamented the fact it was forced to release "a degraded version" of Windows. "It will be harmful to consumers and competition and undermines the technology integration that has been the backbone

of the information technology revolution over the past three decades," the company said

The implications for Microsoft are sizable since software that plays media files is increasingly in demand as more consumers get broadband connections to the Internet and use their PCs as entertainment centers.

There also is the question of precisely what computer code Microsoft will share with competitors so that those companies' programs work better on networks run by Microsoft server software.

The Luxembourg-based European Court of First Instance found that Redmond, in Washington-based Microsoft "has not tit

shown that it might suffer serious and irreparable damage as a result of implementa-

ion of the contested decision."

Microsoft said the ruling still held encouraging comments, recognizing that "some of

our arguments on the merits of the case are well-founded."
"There is ample room for us to continue

"There is ample room for us to continue to press forward with cause for optimism," said Microsoft counsel Brad Smith.

The company was still considering whether to appeal, but said it hoped the ruling would help reopen settlement talks with the European Commission.

EU officials, however, have said a ruling in their favor would make it unlikely that antitrust regulators would reopen talks.



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# Japanese abductee now comic book heroine



At a news conference in Tokyo on Monday, Sakie and Shigeru Yokota hold comic books featuring the ordeal of their daughter. The cover story — "Megumi," penned by Soichi Moto and based on the true story of their daughter, who was kidnapped by North Korean agents from northern Japan in 1977 when she was only 13 — is not unusual for Japanese comics, which often deal with weight ymatters.

## By MARI YAMAGUCHI The Associated Press

TOKYO — Photos of Megumi Yokota have appeared on television, in newspapers and on the front pages of magazines because of her fame for being one of Japan's citizens kidnapped by North Korean agents in the 1970s and 1980s.

This week, the abduction victim appears in an unusual format: a comic book.

"Manga Action" magazine had "Megumi" as its cover feature in the latest issue, detailing the girl's kidnapping as a 13-year-old in 1977 off of Japan's remote northwest coast.

"Abduction could have happened to any of us," said Katsushi Minoura, chief editor at publisher Futabasha Publishers Ltd. "We're hoping that readers try to imagine what it was like"

Japanese comics do not shy away from tough topics. Aside from action heroes, sexual themes and crime, the elaborately drawn works tackle heavy issues such as finance, scandal and history. The story of Megumi Yokota, however, is particularly sensitive territo-

Yokota is one of 13 Japanese citizens that North Korea has admitted to kidnapping in the 1970s and '80s to train spies. Five were returned to Japan, but Pyongyang claims the eight others — Yokota among them—died in the communist state.

North Korea, however, has failed to substantiate the deaths, and many Japanese suspect some of them may still be alive. Japan has urged North Korea to investigate the cases, but little progress has been made.

Yokota has long been a symbol for the kidnappings: Her parents have led the campaign to win information on the cases from North Korea, and the photos of her as a full-faced and innocent 13-year-old have been a rallying point for anger and indignation about the crimes.

That indignation peaked earlier this month when DNA tests showed human remains that North Korea claimed were Yokota's actually belong to two unidentified people.

"Megumi" opens on Nov. 15, 1977, when she vanished on her way home from school after a badminton prac-

from school after a badminton practice.

Narrated by her mother, the story details the girl's last day in Japan, and a hazily drawn half-page panel shows Megumi's turned back as she

walked to school.
"I saw her," the mother's voice says as Megumi walks away. "That was the last time."

In the 46-page section's most horrifying scene, taken from an account from a North Korean spy who defected to the South, Megumi is depicted in the hold of the boat of her abductors. She screams for her mother and claws so desperately at the wooden walls of the enclosure that her fingernalis tear and bleed

It's the magazine's second series on the abductions.

Futabasha published another series, "Recapturing," based on a book written by Toru Hasuike, brother of another abductee Kaoru, one of the five victims who returned home in 2002

#### 2 seek refuge in embassy

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Two people claiming to be from North Korea have taken refuge in the Swedish Embassy in Vietnam, the Foreign Ministry said Wednesday.

"They entered the embassy late Monday night local time." Foreign Ministry spokesman Jesper Liedholm said, adding he wasn't sure if the pair were seeking political asylum or trying to escape from North Korea via Viet-

"The Foreign Ministry and the embassy are trying to find a solution to the issue," he said, without elaborating.

Sweden, which is historically neutral, has diplomatic relations with North Korea, and the country has an embassy in Stockholm.

#### Sabbath discs found

LONDON — Stolen gold and silver discs won by Ozzy Osbourne's band Black Sabbath were recovered Wednesday after thieves dumped them behind trash cans.

The discs were reported missing last week after a burglary at the home of Osbourne's former manager, Patrick Meehan, in Edenbridge, Kent, southeast En-

Kent police said an anonymous tip led them to the eight discs, found in a plastic bag dumped behind recycling bins.

#### Successful missile test

MOSCOW — Russia successfullyest-fired a heavy intercontinental ballistic missile on Wednesday in a launch intended to extend the lifetime of aging Soviet-built weapons.

It was the first time that an RS-20V Voevoda, which NATO identifies as the SS-18 Satan, had been fired from its combat positions in Russia since the 1991 Soviet collapse. Previously, such missiles had been launched from the Russian-leased Baikonur cos-

modrome in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan.

The missile, which was launched from a silo in the Orenburg region in the southern Ural Mountains, hit a designated target on a testing ground on the Far East Kamchatka Peninsula, more than 3.750 miles away.

#### N. Korea nuclear dispute

BELJING — A South Korean envoy said Wednesday that military pressure or economic sanctions won't stop North Korea's nuclear ambitions, and that a peaceful resolution of the issue must be reached in 2005 in order to avert a crisis.

"Unfortunately real negotiation to settle the North Korean nuclear issue has not begun yet," said Chung Dong-young, South Korea's unification minister, who also serves as chairman of the standing committee of its Nation-

al Security Council.

Chung was in Beijing for meetings with Chinese officials to discuss efforts to start a new round of six-nation talks on U.S. demands that the North give up its nuclear programs.

of six-nation talks on U.S. demands that the North give up its nuclear programs. North Korea said last week it would treat sanctions as a "decla-

From The Associated Press

ration of war."

# Iran detains suspected nuclear spies

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has arrested military officers, nuclear workers and others on charges of revealing its nuclear secrets to Israeli and U.S. intelligence agencies, Intelligence Minister Ali Yunesi said.

Yunesi said the information passed to America and Israel was "without value," state media reported.

The minister said more than 10 suspects were detained in Tehran and in the southern Hormozgan

province during the Iranian year that began March 21, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

"These people were spying for Mossad and CIA," IRNA quoted Yunesi as saying. He was referring to Israel's external secret service and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The United States accuses Iran of running a secret program to build a nuclear bomb. Iran says its nuclear programs are purely for energy.

The minister said the identity of those detained will not be revealed before they stand trial but said three of them were employees of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, IRNA reported.

"Some of them were military officers and some others were businessmen," state-run television quoted Yunsei as saying.

They are now in the hands of the hard-line Revolutionary Court, which deals with security crimes he said.

Yunesi said the main mission of the alleged spies was to disrupt Iran's nuclear program, contaminate nuclear activities and forge documents. It was not clear what Yunesi meant by contamination.



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## IN THE STATES

# **Snowfall paints Midwest** Ruling helps Democrats in Wash, with recount

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING The Associated Press

EVANSVILLE Ind - A foot or more of snow was possible in parts of Indiana and Ohio as a storm spanning the nation's midsection arrived in the region Wednesday, and motorists already were sliding off roads.

Snow was falling from New Mexico, where some schools were closed, to the lower Great

The snow marked the leading edge of bitterly cold air flowing southward. Highs only in the teens were forecast Wednesday in the northern Texas Panhandle where wind chills on Thursday could be as low as 15 below zero, the National Weather Ser-

At the northern extreme of the cold air mass, International Falls, Minn., the temperature fell from 8 below zero at midnight to 20 below by midmorning, the weather service said.

Eight inches of snow had fallen by late morning in the hilly terrain of southwestern Indiana where Evansville recorded only 7 inches all of last winter, and police reported numerous vehicles sliding off slippery roads.



The U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker Neah Bay is framed by ice-covered trees along the shore of Lake Erie on Monday. Brisk winds and sub-freezing temperatures are following a snowstorm that could dump up to a foot of snow on parts of northeast Ohio.

"It's strictly the result of people going too fast," said state police 1st Sgt. Michael Bennett in

In central Indiana, snow was more than 7 inches deep at Columbus and county government offices were closed because roads were hazardous.

Through Thursday, snowfall totals could reach a foot in parts of southern Indiana, meteorologists said.

But for western Ohio, fore-

casts were upgraded because cold air was moving in faster than expected and rain was turning to ing to snow more quickly. "Some locations will make a

hard run at 20 inches " meteorologist Mike Ryan said in Wilming-

The precipitation was moving toward the east, and rain and snow were possible Thursday from the Gulf of Mexico into New England.

To the west, up to 6 inches of snow was possible in parts of northern Texas.

BY REBECCA COOK The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Washing ton state's Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that more than 700 belatedly discovered ballots from Seattle's King County should be counted in the extraordinarily close governor's race — potentially enough to tip the balance in favor of Democrat Christine Gre-

King County is a Democratic stronghold, the biggest county in the state and the last to report results from the statewide hand recount that began Dec. 8.

The ruling was a boost to the Democrats, who even before the decision were claiming victory, saying their own analysis showed that even without the belated ballots, Gregoire had erased Republican Dino Rossi's slim lead and had won the race by just eight votes out of 2.9 million cast.

King County was to release preliminary recount results Wednesday afternoon and certify results Thursday after counting the belated ballots that are deemed valid.

"There is a sacred American right to have legitimate votes counted," Gregoire said in a news release. "The justices recognized that principle today.

Republicans said they will now seek out Rossi voters whose ballots

were disqualified because of election workers' errors and fight to have those ballots counted as well.

"We'll be taking them to canvassing boards in counties across the state and asking those canvassing hoards to review their decisions and to consider these ballots," Rossi spokeswoman Mary Lane said

At a hearing Wednesday morning before the high court, Republicans had argued that a recount should be a mere retabulation, and that it was too late for counties to go back and correct errors.

But the court unanimously said state law and previous court rulings specifically allow county canvassing boards to correct mistakes during a recount. Justices questioned Republican

claims that counting the votes would cause irreparable harm. You're looking at it from the

point of view of the winner or the loser — shouldn't we be looking at it from the point of view of the asked Justice Susan Owens.

Gregoire, 57, a three-term attorney general, was the favorite going into the election against Rossi, 45 a former state senator. On Election Day, Rossi squeaked past Gregoire by 261 votes. His lead was whittled to 42 votes in a subsequent ma-chine recount. Democrats then paid for the hand recount

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# Poll: Most confident about prescription drug safety

BY WILL LESTER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers remain confident in the safety of prescription drugs sold in this country at a time when some popular ones have been linked to health threats, an Associated

Press poll found.

They also expressed confidence in the Food and Drug Administration, the federal agency responsible for ensuring drug safety. But some indicated their confidence is limited.

The FDA has come under intense scrutiny because of health risks linked to the use of Vioxx, which has been withdrawn from the market; Celebrex; and now Aleve, which is sold over the counter.

Just over eight in 10 said they have confidence in the general safety of prescription drugs in this country, the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs found. Almost that many said

they have confidence in the FDA. Only about one-third said they were "very confident" about the safety of prescription drugs in the United States and half said they were "somewhat confident." About one-fourth in the poll said they were "very confident" in the FDA's ability to ensure the safety of prescription drugs, with about half saying they were "somewhat

confident."

Retiree Gabrielle Purvis said
the barrage of news about possible drug problems is dizzying.

"You get so much instant information," said Purvis, who lives in Lottsburg, Va., near the Chesapeake Bay. "It's crazy. We end up with too much information that hasn't been properly analyzed."

The poll was taken this past weekend after questions were raised last week about Celebrex, and more than two months after Vioxx was pulled from the market. But if was taken before a study raised a possible heart attack-stroke link with naproxen, which is sold over the counter as Alexe.

Among the recent problems:
■ The popular arthritis drug
Vioxx was pulled from the market by manufacturer Merck on
Sept. 30 because of evidence it increased the risk of heart attack
and strokes.

■ Last week, another popular pain reliever, Celebrex, was found to increase the risk of heart attack when taken in high doses. Its maker, Pfizer, has suspended advertising, but the drug is still on the market.

■ Officials at the National Institutes of Health on Monday halted a study of naproxen, an over-the-counter pain reliever commonly sold under the brand name Aleve. because of possible

links to heart attacks and strokes.
These reports — and questions about other prescription drugs in recent years — have led critics of the FDA to claim the agency approves drugs too quickly, doesn't follow up effectively on possible health effects and is too close to

drug companies.

In another high-profile case, the FDA was criticized for not acting quickly enough to issue warnings that anti-depressant use by children could increase suicidal thoughts and behavior.

White House chief of staff Andy Card defended the FDA last weekend, saying it does "a spectacular job."

Some people say they've grown suspicious of the drug approval process, however.

"Corporate people are cutting corners for the profit," said Mike Powell, a manufacturing engineer from Houston.

# Medical marijuana user fights California DMV over driver's license test

BY BRIAN MELLEY
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Officials Tuesday abruptly postponde a driver's license test for a medical marijuana user with a case before the U.S. Supreme Court after her lawyer claimed she was being unfairly targeted for review.

Diane Monson, 47, who uses marijuana to relieve back pain, was notified by the Department of Motor Vehicles earlier this month that she needed to appear at a re-examination hearing Thursday — or lose her li-

Such hearings are held routinely for drivers involved in serious crashes or who have been cited for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol at least three times over three years.

three times over three years.

Monson said with the exception of a speeding ticket 15 years ago, she had a spotless record. The DMV notice did not say why she was selected for

re-examination.
"I still feel very strongly that
I've done nothing whatsoever to
warrant this investigation,"
Monson said after being notified

the hearing was scrapped.

Even a spokesman for Attorney General Bill Lockyer

seemed puzzled a DMV hearing was required in Monson's case. "Quite frankly, I find it strange," spokesman Nathan

Barankin said.

DMV brass put the hearing on hold and launched a "top to bottom" internal review after Monson and her lawyer delivered a cease-and-desist notice to agency headquarters, said spokesman Bill Branch.

"So far as top-level DMV officials can recall, we are not aware of any other cases involving medicinal marijuana," Branch said.

Monson had just passed an eye exam to renew her license when she was notified of the hearing; it arrived shortly after her medical marijuana case was

heard by the nation's high court. Monson is a plaintiff in a case that will determine whether federal law enforcement agents can seize pot grown by users in states where it can be legally prescribed as medicine.

California law allows people to grow, smoke or obtain marijuana for medical needs with a doctor's recommendation. Other states with such laws are Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont and Washington.





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# **FACES**

#### **Brolin cited for battery** Actor Josh Brolin was cited for misdemeanor domestic battery over the weekend after his wife actress Diane Lane, called police during an argument at the cou-

ple's Los Angeles home. Brolin, the son of actor James Brolin and stepson of Barbra Streisand, was arrested at 3 a.m Sunday and released on \$20,000 bail, Frank Mateljan, a spokesman for the city attorney's office, said Monday. The city attorney is reviewing the case and no charg-es have been filed, he said. Domestic battery is a misdemeanor,

Matelian said Kelly Bush, the couple's spokeswoman, said the incident was a "misunderstanding" and the couple had reconciled

#### DiCaprio, Maguire sued

Leonardo DiCaprio and Tobey Maguire have been sued by a pro-ducer who claims the two actors blocked distribution of a 1995 independent film they starred in.

John Schindler says the actors warned potential distributors that DiCaprio wouldn't work with them on other projects if they re-leased "Don's Plum," a low-budget, black- and-white film about a group of friends hanging out at a

The Superior Court complaint, filed Friday, claims they wrongly deny the movie was meant for commercial release and seeks \$38 million and unspecified damages

Messages left with DiCaprio's publicist. Ken Sunshine. and Maguire's publicist, Kelly Bush, weren't immediately returned

#### Springsteen for charity

Once again, The Boss gave a boost to the seaside city where he rose to rock 'n' roll fame.

Bruce Springsteen performed two sold-out benefit concerts at a downtown Asbury Park tavern Sunday, raising about \$100,000 for local charities, and urged fans to support the city, which is emerg-ing from decades of decline. Merchants also credited Spring-

steen with boosting business by offering 10 people a pair of free tickets, along with the chance to meet him backstage, by entering a drawing that required them to visit an Asbury Park store.

The holiday benefits have be come a tradition for Springsteen, a Freehold native who now lives in Rumson. Like Asbury Park, all the towns are in Monmouth County.

# The middle-aged muse

## Bill Murray has critical success as inspiration to Wes Anderson

BY RACHEL ABRAMOWITZ Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD are often thought of as comely, lithe and young. Throughthey've usually been depicted as female guides to inner wisdom that spark the imaginations of great men But for director Wes Anderson, whose loopy reimagining of the filmmaking experience, "The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou," opens this week, the muse recently taken the form of a middle-age man with faintly pockmarked skin, tufts of graying hair and sad, teardrop eves - the co-

median Bill Murray. In fact, he's standing at the exact spot where the two first met eight or so years

ago. "That's couch!" says Anderson, pointing to the divan in the bar at the Seasons Hotel, a lush expanse now cov-ered with hinsters on the make. the "That's

couch!" deadpans Murray, who's in tow on this expedi-

The two have just spent an afternoon junketeering with the Holly-Foreign

Press Association. It's the beginning of the pre-Oscar Christmas rush, where filmmakers and stars spin through special insider screenings in all the places where Hollywood tastemakers might congregate. Murray, who keeps an 800 number — which he never answers - for dealing with the business, isn't a common sight on the publicity circuit



Bill Murray stars in Wes Anderson's latest film. "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou.'

nially uninhibited, in a blue blazer, blue sweater and gray pants When it's time to sit down, he is almost courtly, pulling out the chair for a reporter and helping with

Although he's the same height

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Bill Murray

Actor

the 6-foot-1 Murray, Ander son seems half that size. He's like thin stretched-out rubber band. At 35, he seems like a precocious kid wearing his dad's

Drinks with the pair, who first teamed in 1998's "Rushmore," and one of "Aquatic's" producers, Barry Mendel, has an amiable, off-kilter quality,

semi-ironic jaunt through an interview process that Anderson in fact lampoons with relish in "Aquatic." As in a Wes Anderson film, the surreal quality is softened by warmth, born here by the real affection between wunderkind director and his world-weary yet jaunty star.

Anderson, after all, enticed Murray to spend six months in Italy, for less than his customary

broke oceanographer (Jacques Cousteau on a very bad day) who drags his band of misfits, his mistrustful brainy wife (Anjelica Huston), a pregnant journalist (Cate Blanchett) and a Southern pilot who might be his long-lost son (Owen Wilson) on a quixotic search for the mythical jaguar shark that ate his best

Ask Murray about his recent ca reer reblossoming - with his adoption by two of the leading voung filmmakers of this generation, Anderson and Sofia Coppola and he deadpans, with flirta-tious faux naivete. "I'm an adult now. I'm not an ingenue anymore." Pressed, he answers more seriously. "I know why they've asked me. It's because I haven't really embarrassed myself. I don't think I've ruined myself, and I don't think Wes has, either,

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I'm not overused. If you can do funny things, you can do serious things, too. I can do whatever's required."

Writers and critics are going to have a field day trying to come up with the appropriately insouciant adjective to describe "The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou." Loopy. Zany. Wacky. Offbeat. It features one character who sings David Bowie songs throughout the movie — in Portuguese.

Anderson, who has worked with the precision of a short-story writer, has been unleashed structurally as well as financially with The Life Aquatic. He's made a picaresque opera.

a Don Quixote-esque saga that costs in the neighborhood of \$50 million, more than twice the price of his last film, "The Royal Tenen-baums," which earned \$52 million at the domestic box office. For the Walt Disney Co., which financed the film, this is certainly a nervy move.

The director, who's been monitoring the clock on his cell phone, leaves. The topic shifts, the way these conversations go, to the man who just left the room. Has success changed Anderson? "Evervone changes a little bit when they have success and celebrity," says Murray, sounding like a grizzled eyewitness to that perpetual battle between ego and gratifica-

Has Murray's own recent artis tic success changed him? The actor seems genuinely pleased to be a part of Anderson's "oeuvre, just as he was to be part of Coppola's success last year with "Lost in Translation." Though he didn't win the best actor Oscar. "I didn't care," he says.

"Honestly, I think I was in the best film of the year," he says, over the last sips of wine. "I loved my movie. That was the prize





## YOUR MONEY

# **Post offices** crowded but sales slow

Monday to mail out a set of holiday presents.

"I am very anxious," Samuel said, as she wrapped

Samuel was one of the millions who made Monday the busiest day of the year at the post office. Indeed, in Manhattan alone, the post office expected to ship 2.8 million letters, a million above a typical Monday.

cards, letters and packages out of state by Tuesday to make sure people receive the goodies for Christmas.

iman-Marcus have done well, discounters like Wal-Mart have done poorly and midlevel stores like Macy's and J.C. Penney are somewhere in between.

The holiday season for "most retailers, except the upscale ones and consumer electronics, was, overall, a bit disappointing," said Kurt Barnard, presi-dent of Barnard's Retail Consulting Group.

Total sales Saturday were down 7 percent to \$6.7 billion, compared with the same day last year, according to ShopperTrak

That's a discouraging sign when the Saturday before Christmas is historically the second-busiest shopping day of the year — after Black Friday — the day after Thanksgiving.



Office to send presents off to his family and friends

Stores are doing everything they can to boost spending, including deeper discounts and longer

Retail analysts said the increase use of gift cards to more than 11 percent of total holiday sales, and the Internet are making it hard to predict the final outcome of the holiday season.

Retail analysts said the success of the holiday season is often linked to the country's overall financial health, primarily because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the economy

# Rejoice about rare, above-book-value insurance payment

Dear Tom and Ray: My beautiful 1993 Chevy Canrice Classic four-door sedan with only 28,000 miles on it and no dents or scratches - is now a pile of junk. While parked in front of my home, the engine began to smolder, then it burst into flames. Within 10 minutes, the firefighters arrived. They could not open the hood, but boy did they wield their axes! They almost had fiendish looks in their eyes as they

swung their Click and Clack axes and demolished the

entire front half of my car They finally pried open the hood and reached the fire. They said it must have been an electrical short. My tears didn't help put out the fire. Although I paid \$18,000 for the car, my insurance company paid me just over \$9,000. It said some-thing about "book value." The Chevy garage blamed the fire on a short circuit but had no other comment. Is there any warranty covering such an event, and do I have any recourse? - Harold

TOM: Your warranty, in this case, is called "fire insurance," Harold. Unfortunately, that's probably all the recourse you have.

RAY: And remember, you paid \$18,000 for the car BRAND NEW. So getting \$9,000 11 years later is like winning the lottery. Harold. I'd cash the check before the insurance company comes to its senses and asks for it back.

TOM: If you really want to pursue this, if you recently had some electrical work done to the car you might be able to make a strong circumstantial case that those mechanics were responsible But without a direct link like that, it's not easy.

RAY: Once a car burns to the extent that yours did, unless you can get Lt. Columbo in there with the forensics squad, there's really no way to tell what started burning first. It could have been a fraying wire that was damaged during an unrelated repair. It could have been a wire that got pinched dur-

ing a minor fender-bend-

TOM: could

been your after-market, automatic butt massager gone haywire! RAY: Whatever the cause there was a large, unintended discharge of electricity from the battery, and that produced the heat

that started the fire. TOM: In terms of your settlement, you can look up the "Black Book" value yourself. There's a link to it from our Web site cartalk.com. I think you'll

see you're off the charts. RAY: And, to confirm your observation, the firefighters probably did have a fiendish look in their eyes. After all, it's not often that they get to chop up a car with their bare hands. I've never tried it, but I plan to stop at the hardware store on my way home and buy an axe, and then head right to

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# ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

# Less traveling stress

NEW YORK - Getting from here to there and back again can be one of the worst parts of the holidays.

About 62.7 million Americans will be traveling over the holiday weekends this year, reports AAA. That's up 3 percent from last year, or an additional 8.6 million people.

With so many people traveling at once, the key to saving time and money is to go with the flow. says Susan Foster, author of "Smart Packing for Today's Traveler." Foster advises that you prepare for the trip by shifting your attitude. It's going to be crowded. There will be long lines. "This is the way holiday travel is. Just embrace it," she says

■ Arrive early.

■ Prepare for security screen-

■ If you're traveling with gifts, find out which items are permitted in carry-on bags, and which must be put into checked luggage. "People have a 'disconnect' between bringing on something as a gift, and bringing on their personal belongings." Fostheir personal belongings," ter says. Your airline won't care if that hunting knife is yours or a gift for Uncle Joe - it still isn't allowed on the plane.

■ Make sure that none of your gifts are wrapped. Pack gift bags for quick wrapping.

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#### Curfew just a morality move

As a 30-year veteran of military and government service, I feel I have to speak up about the ridiculous situation currently taking place in the Republic of Korea. To put it simply, the U.S. Forces Korea leadership in South Korea is out of touch and out of control. To lump all prostitution as human trafficking is a flagrant attempt to manipulate the public's perception of the military entertainment districts and the people who work in them. As a means of financially starving these districts, the Army has instituted a cur few under false measures to limit the amount of time USFK personnel can visit them. Yes, this is the real reason for the cur-

If the Army leadership wants to put certain establishments off-limits to Army per sonnel, then that is their right to do so. But to institute a curfew under false force-pro tection measures in order to force all USFK nersonnel to limit their time in these areas is a serious case of fraud, waste and abuse.

The fraud is making false force-protection-measure claims to justify the continued curfew in South Korea. Some background: The Army tried back in July to institute a fragmentary order (FRAGO) that would force all Department of Defense personnel. civilians, contractors and dependents to follow the military curfew. That FRAGO was just a decree that all DOD personnel must follow the curfew but it was fought by the DAC union and quickly rescinded. There was nothing legally binding anyone to it. What the Army leadership then did was have their legal staff find a way that would force all DOD personnel to follow the curfew and there is a little thing DACs and con-tractors must follow called "force-protec-tion measures." It's written into every contract I've ever seen over here anyway.

Guess what happened? Yep, a new

FRAGO came out in October stating that all DOD personnel must now follow the curfew due to force-protection measures because of an ongoing terrorist threat in South Korea. Once they put the justification as force pro-tection, everyone had to follow it. Anyone with common sense knows a midnight curfew would not deter any terrorism activities. It's a flagrant lie to misdirect the public's attention from the real reason for the curfew, which is to limit the amount of time DOD personnel spend in the Ville and make it financially difficult for the bar owners. They can't just put the entertainment districts off limits for obvious political and morale reasons, but they can try and financially starve the bar owners in the hope that ey will voluntarily seek other busin nortunities. A curfew accomplishes this

The waste is the waste of manpower the Army has dedicated to enforcing the curfew and shutting down the bars. I have seen more than 10 military police patrolling Itae won in attempts to enforce the curfew and keep personnel away from the off-limits es-tablishments during noncurfew hours. Don't our soldiers have better things to do

than be morality police? The abuse is the flagrant abuse of command that the Army leadership is using to enforce their religious and moral beliefs on everyone in the USFK community. There is

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no greater abuse in the military than using your authority over others to enforce your religious and moral dogma on your subordinates. This is exactly what they are doing, albeit very smartly. They can't come out and just say "Don't go to the Ville because it's un-Christian and immoral" but they can use subterfuge, misinformation and manipula tion of their media outlets to make people follow their line of thinking and they can make an unfounded curfew to force you home at midnight.

The curfew in South Korea should be lifted immediately, as there is no basis for it, The curfew's real purpose is to shut down the military bar districts. It infringes on every USFK person's freedom and human dignity. This is a perfect example of why religious fundamentalists should not be put in positions of power. They simply cannot refrain from trying to enforce their beliefs on everybody and will go to great lengths to accomplish their goals. This includes taking away your basic freedom with a curfew under false pretenses.

Navy Cmdr. Scott Smith (Ret.) Pusan, South Korea

#### Knowing right from wrong key

While I agree with many of the points in "ACLU speaks for just a few" (letter, Dec. 16), I have to respond to the writer's main point, which was that "we need to have a strong America where the majority rules. I don't care if 1 in a 100 does not like the word God in the Pledge of Allegiance. That person should either not say God or find another country that offers him a better life." The writer also wrote, "If 99 out of 100 people feel prayer belongs in school, then it is not up to the Supreme Court to challenge the majority."

The unfortunate downside to this argument is that "majority rules" as a means of decision-making will cut both ways. The opinion of the majority is fluid; although I may be in the majority today, I may find myself in the minority tomorrow. Does the

value of my opinion change based on how many people agree with me? Can something be right one day and wrong the next, based on how many people think a certain way?

A Wiccan acquaintance once tried to get a jab on me, since I am a fundamentalist Christian. She pointed out that she and her fellow Wiccans were holding services in the chapel. I think she figured I would freak out that "Devil worshippers are meeting in the chapel!" or something like that. Instead, I told her I was glad, because if they can tell her she doesn't have the right to meet and have whatever ceremony she wants, they can turn around and do the same thing to me

I am no big fan of the American Civil Liberties Union, but I also understand that it can be very difficult to balance the free-doms of one individual or group of individuals against the freedoms of another person or group of people. And thus we have our system of representative government that atmpts to walk that fine line. And thus we have the Supreme Court making decisions that from time to time go against the majority opinion. I would argue that our biggest problem is

that few Americans believe that there is an objective standard of right and wrong, or that certain things are true regardless of how many people agree.

David M Williamson Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

#### Don't give him any medals

A specialist chastised a few folks who've been serving honorably for good-ness-knows-how-long as being somehow un-American for taking a stand against stop loss ("Serving past your ETS," letter, Dec 16)

The next day's issue had a letter from another specialist who observed that medals are being awarded according to rank, not merit ("Bronze Stars not deserved," Dec.

Well, I've been serving in Iraq for almost a year now and there are a few observations I'd like to make: To the first letter writer: It's those soldiers' right to peaceably protest the government. To the second letter writer: Well-spoken, brother! It's so refreshing when folks have the gumption to point out some of the many inequities in today's "all volunteer" Army. After years of active duty, and after being

forced to stay past my estimated time in service date, I've become nothing short of heartsick at the way things are. So go ahead and call me "unpatriotic," or "a coward," or undeserving of your mom's apple pie. If I'm such an awful soldier, then we all should be in agreement that I never should have been kept in the Army past my ETS date. I had to attend a formation last month

where a captain was awarded the Bronze Star because she sat behind a desk for 10 months. Forget it, specialists. The only way you'll be awarded a Bronze Star is if you catch a rocket-propelled grenade launched at a general and throw it back. You can all keep any medals you had in

mind for me. The only stamp of approval I want comes on my clearing papers.

Spc. Peter S. Green

Camp Victory, Baghdad By GARRY TRUDEAU

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#### OPINION

# We have met the enemy in Iraq, and he isn't us

BY CLIFFORD D. MAY

Scripps Howard

hen the Army of Ansar al Sunna, a group tied to al-Qaida. attacks an American base near Mosul, it should be apparent that Iraq is the front line in the war on terrorism

When Christian churches are bombed, as they were on the same day and in the same part of Iraq, and Shiite mosques in Karbala and Najaf are targeted as well, it should be clear that the bombers are waging a most unholy war

When Iraqi election workers are shot dead in the streets, as they were last weekend, the murderers' hatred for democracy ought to be obvious

Yet somehow the debate goes on about whether those fighting us are really enemies of freedom, about whether it is imperative they be defeated.

The charge that Americans came to Iraq to steal oil is not much heard these days. Instead, the suicide bombers and throat-slitters are romanticized as "militants" - or even "nationalists" and "patriots" — who are "resisting American occupation."

When those "militants" do something particularly barbaric — summarily executing civilians, blowing up police stations, behead ing aid workers — the conversation never dwells long on their crimes. Instead, controversy swirls around America's failure to control "the security situation."

Then, too, there are those who do not defend the killers but argue that the continuing carnage proves the United States can't overcome this foe. What's the point of a military machine that can topple Saddam Hussein in a few weeks but has to give Iraq back to his cronies a few years later? Secretary of De fense Donald Rumsfeld, much criticized of late, appears to understand this. A few days ago, he frankly acknowledged the urgent need to "develop a military designed to meet the challenges of this era

The military we have now, he explained, "is, in many ways, still organized, trained and best equipped for the more conventional challenges of the past century, when wars were conducted largely between large navies, armies and air forces."

Our current enemies, by contrast, are fighting an "unconventional" war. The combatants who attacked Forward Operating Base Marez outside Mosul were not attempting to win a battle in the conventional sense; they did not hope to seize the camp any more than the suicide-terrorists who at-tacked on Sept. 11 planned to station tanks in New York and Washington.

Instead, the goal of terrorists is simply to slaughter and, of course, terrorize. By so doing, they mean to destroy our will to fight Lose the will to fight and, by definition, you have been defeated, no matter how high-tech your weaponry, no matter how many troops you have riding in armored

On a visit to Iraq this week, British Prime Minister Tony Blair succinctly character-ized the state of this conflict. "There surely is only one side to be on in what is now very clearly a battle between democracy and terror," he said.

"On the one side, you have people who desperately want to make the democratic process work and want to have the same type of

democratic freedoms other parts of the world enjoy. And on the other side, people who are killing and intimidating and trying to destroy a better future for Iraq. ... Our response should be to stand alongside the democrats — the people who've got the courage to see this thing through — and help them see it through. I've got no doubt at all that that is the right thing for us to do."

The enemy in Iraq is brutal, ruthless and, es, evil. But they are not stupid. They know that every time they stage a massacre, mil-lions of people get angry, not at them, but at Don Rumsfeld and President Bush and Prime Minister Blair and the "neo-cons

"We have seen ... the weakness of the American soldier who is ... unprepared to fight long wars," Osama bin Laden said in 1998, as he began contemplating his next at-"It also proves they can run in less than 24 hours, and this was also repeated in

Somalia. We are ready for all occasions."

Only when the kind of butchery we witnessed this week strengthens, rather than weakens, our resolve will the barbarians see that the road they have chosen is a dead end - figuratively and literally.

Clifford D. May is the president of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a policy institute focusing on terrorism.

# Laurels for crossing the Delaware are legitimate

et's get this straight: The greatest Christmas in American history was not the result of the Germans being drunk or hung over. Gen. George Washington lost most of his battles - it has been said the

George Will



Revolutionary was won by brilliant re-- so let's not treating diminish any of his vicand certainly not the one without which American independence probably would have been extinguished like a candle in a gale.

Among the many things that "everyone knows" that just are not so is that the 2,400

men of the Continental Army won the Battle of Trenton, an operation that began on the night of Dec. 25, 1776, because the Hessian mercenaries had partaken too vigorously of Christmas drink. According to David Hackett Fischer, whose "Washington's Crossing" was a finalist for the 2004 National Book Award, the Hessians were weary from a week of constant vigilance against attacks by local insurgents, but fought well

Not well enough, however, to prevent what Fischer, a Brandeis historian, says was - combined, over the next eight days, with a second battle of Trenton and the Battle of Princeton — the most important victory in U.S. military history. Since the Declaration of Independence on July 4, the Americans had lost every battle fought to make independence a fact. The military disasters inflicted by 33,000 British and German troops in what is now Brooklyn, and on Manhattan Is land, contributed to Washington losing 90 percent of his army. New Jersey's loyalty was tilting toward the crown.

By marching his shivering men to the banks of the ice-clogged Delaware River, and making the crossing that became the subject of the most familiar American paint-Washington risked everything. Had he lost the gamble — had his men been repulsed from Trenton and pinned against the - the continent would have been lost ... and subsequent world history would have been very different.

In New York, Washington had wept while watching through a spyglass as the British massacred Americans who had surrendered. But Washington, Fischer writes, "often reminded his men that they were an army of liberty and freedom, and that the rights of humanity for which they were fighting should extend even to their enemies "To the American officer in charge of 221 prisoners taken at Princeton, Washington said, "Treat them with humanity, and let them have no reason to complain of our copying the brutal example of the British army in their treatment of our unfortunate breth-. As historian Edmund Morgan says, Washington had "made the war itself an example of what the Revolution meant."

Dining with Washington after surrendering to him at Yorktown, Gen. Charles Cornwallis, who had commanded the forces at Princeton that rushed to relieve Trenton, of-fered this toast: "Fame will gather your brightest laurels rather from the banks of the Delaware than from those of the Chesa-

Unfortunately, many small historians believe their function is to deny large men any laurels. Fischer sternly reprimands such historians who have "served us ill": "In the late twentieth century, too many scholars tried to make the American past into a record of crime and folly. Too many writers have told us we are captives of our darker selves and helpless victims of our history. It isn't so. and never was

One reason Americans have made so much history is that they have never be-lieved in History. One of the unfortunate inectual developments of the 19th century, principally in Europe, was the transformation of history into a proper noun. It denoted a vast impersonal force with its own unfolding logic ... Marxism was the most consequential doctrine of historical inevitability. but there were others.

Such theories induce fatalism by diminishing mankind's sense of agency. They mock the idea of great people, and the belief that the free choices of small groups could knock History out of its preordained grooves.

Such ideas have largely lost their ability to seize imaginations. ... Still, it is exhilarating to be reminded by historians just how radically wrong the historicists were, and are. George Will is a member of Washington Post Writers Group.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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#### Officer suspended

VA VIRGINIA BEACH - A police officer arrested during an alleged drug buy has been suspended from the force

Jason Todd Armentrout 30, who is being held without bond in the city jail, was off-duty and not armed when he was taken into custody, police said

Don Rimer, a police spokesman, said Armentrout's arrest came after his name surfaced amid a much larger investigation. The probe by the department's Special Investigative Narcotics Unit began almost one year

Its target has been people involved in the possession, sale and distribution of illegal narcotics, specifically Ecstasy and methamphetamine, Rimer said.

Investigators saw Armentrout and other suspects and watched as they attempt to purchase Ecstasy. Rimer said. Armentrout is charged with attempted possession of a controlled substance.

#### Rare texts, books sold

OH COLUMBUS — A former employee of the Kenyon College library has pleaded guilty to selling 50 rare books and other documents from the school's collection for \$26,000

David Breithaupt now faces up two years in prison and a fine of as much as \$250,000, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Breithaupt, 45, sold most of the items, many of which were more than 100 years old, on eBay to buyers in 19 other states and four foreign countries. The sales took place between 1998 and 2002. A copy made in 1528 of Ptole-

my's "Almagest," an astronomy text originally written in ancient Greece, fetched the highest price at \$4,750, court documents said. Several other items sold were from the 1500s and 1600s, Breithaupt has agreed to pay restitution for recovery of the items.

#### School can go co-ed

AUBURN - A judge has denied a request by two students at Wells College, an all women liberal arts school, for an iniunction to halt the institution's plan to allow men to enroll.

Acting State Supreme Court Justice Peter Corning said the main issue was the continued survival of the school. The lawsuit is challenging the coed decision on several grounds, including breach of con-

#### Ape comes home

CA SAN FRANCISCO 23-year-old ape from Buffalo, N.Y., has returned to the San Francisco Zoo, his boyhood home as the new king of Gorilla World.

In early January, he'll be liberat-ed from quarantine and become the exhibit's top dog, filling a va-cancy created in May when Kubi, its longtime patriarch, died. Since then, the four females have been left to their own devices. Anything, or nothing, could happen.

"They've been on their own without a male for a while," said gorilla keeper Mary Kerr. "They might have gotten the indepen dent gene and not want to be dominated anymore. We'll see when he comes over whether his animal magnetism overcomes their inde-



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pendent streak."

#### Hole forces evacuation

FI DELTONA — A sinkhole opened beneath a road in central Florida, swallowing four lanes of pavement and forcing the

Officials had been watching the hole after noticing collapsed as-phalt on a street. Workers were pumping a cement mixture under the damaged road when the hole formed

"All of the sudden, they started feeling rumblings in the ground," said Robert Rogers, deputy chief of the fire department in Deltona. about 25 miles southwest of Daytona Beach.

The ground opened up, destroy-ing all four lanes. The hole grew to 50 feet deep and at least 150 feet wide.

The sinkhole also threatened to take down a major power line and forced authorities to evacuate 20 homes near the electrical wires.

#### Toy guns pulled

NY ALBANY — Thousands of toy guns have been pulled from the shelves of costume shops across the state as part of a settle-ment between the New York attorney general's office and two national wholesalers.

Attorney General Eliot Spitzer had accused the wholesalers of dis tributing more than 12,000 toy guns in 2001 in violation of a state law that previously applied only to



#### Making kids happy Salvation Army volunteer Barb Reigelsperger of Naples, N.Y.,

tries to fit a few more toys on one of the tables as she sets up for a toy distribution. People who pre-registered could choose five gifts per child, as well as a pair of mittens and stocking-stuffer gifts.

retailers. Most of the wholesalers dealt with costume and novelty shops.

The state law bans realistic toy guns from being sold in stores unless they have permanent, usually inch-wide orange stripes running down both sides of the barrel.

Without admitting wrongdoing, Rubie's tumes Co. agreed to pay \$27,000 in civil penalties and costs and Franco American Novelty Co. agreed to pay \$10,000

#### Flight may be abuse

IN BLOOMINGTON — Some Indiana University students could face a hefty fine for tossing a guinea pig from a dormitory window with a makeshift narachute.

The students used a garbage bag, dental floss and masking tape to create a parachute and then dropped the animal, Bloomington Animal Shelter manager Leigh Ann Hoffacker said.

Fortunately, the guinea pig land-ed in a tree and survived. The trem-bling rodent was discovered moments later by freshman Laura Robinson

School janitors were able to reach the animal through a third-floor window and Robinson took it to the shelter

The identities of the students who tossed the guinea pig have yet to be determined, but Hoffacker said the list has been narrowed down by dorm administration.

Police likely would not do much, she said, but the shelter's animal control office can issue a \$500 ticket for animal abuse

#### Cocaine found in wreck

WW WHEELING — Authorities called to the scene of a dead or alive — but they did find \$24 million worth of cocaine. Federal authorities were seeking the pilot, identified as Eugene N. Cobbs, on a charge of possession with intent to distribute cocaine. U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Johnston.

The Piper Aerostar twin-engine plane crashed in a wooded area near the Wheeling-Ohio County Airport, said James Peters, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Authorities found about 327 pounds of cocaine packaged in blocks and another 193 pounds turned up in the plane's nose comnartment Johnston said Authorities were searching for a man believed to be Cobbs, who was picked up by a motorist near the airport's front entrance. His forehead was cut and he asked for a ride to a

#### Couple pays town's bills

ANTHON — Home and busi-ness owners in this northwest Iowa town of 650 people were a little shocked at the Christmas gift they got from retired farmer Richard Hamann and his wife,

The Hamanns doled out \$25,000 to pay the town's electricity bills due on Dec. 25.

Hamann, 75, sees the gift as returning a good deed. Residents said they were sur-

prised and grateful. "I just thought it was great." said Beulah Sands, 64, a clerk at a local convenience store. "I haven't talked to anyone who didn't appreciate it. It was a wonderful thing for him to do."



Jessica Zampella. Massive reading assignment foreground, and other students at Central Elementary in Oxford, Miss., are sprawled out on the floor as they attempt to collectively read 12,000 pages.



On the way up

A skier takes a ride on the ski lift at Paoli Peaks in Paoli, Ind.



Zamboni explodes

Duluth, Minn., firefighters run hoses to battle a blaze at Peterson Arena in West Duluth after a Zamboni exploded inside the arena.



Jogger's best friends Lisa Schlimmer jogs with her dogs, playfields in Pullman, Wash. Schlimmer is a student at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University.



Stacked for fire
Heath Melancon, from Grand Point
near Lutcher, La., trims the last
logs on an 18-foot-high bonfire
structure on the Mississippi River
levee, that will be lit at 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve.



White Christmas

A Christmas tree stands in the gazebo at Kershaw Park along Canandaigua Lake in Canandaigua, N.Y.

#### Letter finally sent

INDEPENDENCE — Jane Matchey recently became better acquainted with the late father she never met after receiving a letter he wrote six decades ago. When Sgt. Henry Longmier left

to fight in World War II, his new wife Teresa was pregnant with Jane, who was born about two months later.

But the 31-year-old soldier was killed by a German sniper in Belgium in the waning days of the Battle of the Bulge on Jan. 25, 1945. Prior to that, in late 1944, he and

three other soldiers lived in a Dutch village for a time in the home of the Neederlants family. It seems Longmier neglected to

nail the letter to his wife in Wisconsin. When the soldiers moved on, a Neederlants family member discovered the letter while cleaning the room they stayed in.

Only recently did the Neederlants' grandson, Lando Mulleneers, 38, become curious about its intended recipient, having heard stories of the soldiers.

#### 5 arrested on Cape Cod

ORLEANS — Five people were arrested and more than \$1.6 million worth of jewelry, paintings and marine equipment was recovered on Cape Cod, authorities said. Police identified those arrested as George Upton, 41, and Mark Fornal, 41. Police said fake wall and jewelry in a hollowed-out staircase in Frank Uptor's home.

#### Rage cited in crash

LARGO — Two cars raced at least three miles locked in a deadly dance of road rage, police said

The Lexus pulled in front of the Volkswagen and slammed on the brakes. Then the Volkswagen did the same. The leapfrogging comit ued until the Volkswagen smashed into a utility pole, fatally injuring the driver, Jacquelyn Palfy, 20. Two passengers in her car were injured.

The young man seen driving the Lexus drove away after the crash, police Sgt. Andy Hill said.

#### Santa Claus shot

CA OXNARD — Police were dispatched to the large Santa Claus statue here after shots were fired at it.

Officers found five bullet holes marring the jolly face of old St. Nick. Five 9 mm casings were lying on the street nearby, police said.

Mike Barber, Santa's caretaker, said the gunshots shattered the lenses on Santa's glasses and broke the frames. He and a friend used screws, glue and wire to patch the frames back together.

The 20-foot, nearly five-ton plaster Santa statue was moved in January 2003 from Santa Barbara County to the lot on Ventura Boulevard. The statue had stood for 50 years on top of a malt shop and candy store near Carpinteria.

#### Sole witness dies

MD BALTIMORE — The sole witness to the fatal shooting of a civilian police employee in 1974 has died of a heart attack, police said.

Police declined to name the witness and they insisted the death will not affect the prosecution of Michael Hughes, who had been a fugitive for 30 years before his arrest in Boston this fall.

The shooting occurred Christmas Eve 1974 and before the arrest ranked as one of the city's coldest cases. McKinley Johnson Jr. was distributing Christmas food baskets at a west Baltimore bar when he got into an argument with Hughes, police said. The alleged confrontation continued outside the bar where Johnson was shot.

#### Big garages for big cars

AZ MESA — Now not only is keeping up with the Joneses a daily pressure, but it may become a law.

The town of Gilbert is considering changing its zoning code to set a minimum interior garage size for homes in this southeast Phoenix suburb.

"We drive Suburbans, Excursions and Silverado extended cabs, and they won't fit in small garages," said Planning and Zoning Commission chairwoman Brigette Peterson at a recent meeting on the proposed land development code.

When recommending the change, town staff told the commission that 74 percent of registered vehicles in Gilbert are trucks or sport utility vehicles.

The current code only requires two enclosed parking spaces and has no size minimum.

#### Aging center renamed

UT SALT LAKE CITY — The University of Utah is changing the name of its center that focuses on older Americans. The school's Gerontology Center will become the Center on Aging, a change the school says reflects increases in Utah's 65-and-older population.

That group increased 27 percent in the last 10 years, and will rise another 28 percent in the next decade.

#### Welfare caseloads drop

III TRENTON — Worker caseloads at the state's child welfare system have dropped by aimost 10 percent since officials began working in July to reform the agency. However, officials said the caseloads still exceed the target set in the reform plan. The Division of Youth and Family Services has a troubled history that inbase and the properties of the protory of the properties of the protory of the

#### \$100K reward offered

MS JACKSON — An anonymous donor has posted a s100,000 reward for information leading to murder charges in one of the most notorious crimes of the civil rights era — the "Freedom Summer" slayings of three civil rights workers in 1964.

The reward will be administered by an interfaith organization as the state renews efforts to bring charges in the killings of James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman.

In 1964, the three volunteers helping to register black voters were murdered on a lonely dirt road as they drove to a church to investigate a fire.

Stories and photos from wire services

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# J Horoscope

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the stars, not a planet is stirring, except of course Mars, who happens to be packing his bags and head-**Holiday Mathis** ing for the adventureland of Sagittarius. It's a real "ho-ho-ho" of a transit for aggressive Mars, emphasizing the need for excitement novelty and human connection.

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 24). You've been ready for something

different for a while now and one big change at the start of the year sets the tone for your adventure! When you stop waiting for others and take matters into your own hands, you marry, improve your love life or transform an ailing relationship. In April, your improved confidence brings money flowing in

## ARIES (March 21-April 19).

The bustle and clamor of the season have provided distraction in recent days, but now, you're clear and centered with your heart in the right place. Your best creations are made expressly with lots of love for one special person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If done your way, the holiday is bright. Be specific and repetitive with all information you'd like your guests to know. If not, you'll be receiving company at all odd hours, and the events unfold in a haphazard man-

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You have a way of adhering to formality in the most casual and elegant manner! A little of the old mixed in with the new is your recipe for a holiday that makes everyone feel included.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22). This is a red-letter day, especially if

there's a gathering at your place Family and friends behave just how you thought they would, but you have a few unexpected surprises planned to jump-start the celebratory energy

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The

50 HERE IT IS, CHRISTMAS EVE. BUT

anticipation of a holiday is for you even better than the holiday itself and that's why you love night-before revelry. Evening rituals come together nicely. Your bighearted extravagance is the talk of the party.

#### VIRGO (Aug.

23-Sept. 22). Your whole being swells with good will. Though home

philanthropic energy and and hearth are where kindness begins, they are not where it ends. You're fulfilled when you get out and share with the world.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your

senses are turned on and tuned in to the natural

offerings of the season tangerines and walnuts, the smell of burning logs and bite of cold air. Your job is to help others appreciate things as completely as you do

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your mission is one of outreach Through the phone and the Internet you spread your spirited mood to the corners of the globe - or at least the country. Don't hold back! Be mushy! Loved ones long to hear it

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You turn even the simplest of tasks - like wrapping a present into a holiday extravaganza. Why not involve as many elements and people as you possibly can? The more the merrier, right?

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your kindness is legendary.

You should know that loved ones have expectations of you based on what you've done in the past. Honor your own traditions. It feels like coming home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You like to keep things loose because, to you, overplanning makes proceedings forced and stiff. Be the one to instigate an impromptu game You'll fill your house with laughter and warm feelings

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your individuality is marvelous You're celebrating in your own quirky way. A procession of interesting twists and turns in the plot today makes it impossible to do things other people's way anyhow.

Bailey

#### **Peanuts**









GOT AND BERTHARD









#### **Eugene Sheffer Crossword** USING ELVES AND LOOK AT THAT MOUNTAIN OF GIFTS BEING LOADED INTO THE SLEIGH! SAY, WHY DO ALL THE WORKERS LOOK CHINESE? (B) 15 18 21 20 TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE IS THIS ANOTHER KNOCK-OFF? 27 AND ALL THROUGH THE DAD. 29 32 33 38 39 41 46 INSTEAD OF SUGAPPLUMS, WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I HAD VISIONS OF NASCAR PACERS DANCING IN MY HEAD? Blues 25 Earth's inheritors? Down Across 26 Ashcroft's 1 Brewery product 1 Branch o Baby intended 4 History chapters 2 Fond du ---, SUCCESSOR Wisconsin 8 Nightfall 27 Reed instrument 12 Zodiac critter 3 Host's job 4 Glitch 28 BBQ entree 13 Comedian Chris 30 Cinematographer 5 Decomposes 14 "- Brockovich" Nykvist 15 Anti-Red 6 Essen expletive 33 Began 7 Firmament witchhunter 34 "Family Feud" 8 Strip 17 Day-shift start host 9 Saharan 18 Hollywood 36 Mock attack 10 Pugilists' venue clashers 37 "Edward 11 Dandling site 19 Flhow Scissorhands" star 16 Emulsifying agent 20 Slander 38 Finished 19 Soft hall 22 Garden starter 39 Nil 20 Run-down 24 Hideaway IT'S A LITTLE GAG GIFT I GOT FOR YOUR FATHER --- THIS YEAR SNIFF! THIS IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TH L I'VS EVER SEEN! 40 Epidermis part of town WITH PICTURES OF SANOWICHES ALL OVER THEM 25 Kenobi portrayer 42 "- Miniver" 21 Playwright 29 Grecian vessel 43 Prompt Connelly 30 "... against a -44 JFK info 22 Frighten troubles" 45 Evergreen 23 "Ghostbusters" 31 Sapporo sash variety role 32 Nixon opponent 34 Protuberance **Answer to Previous Puzzle** 35 Lap dog, AMOK SIR TAIL for short MAGI HOE I L L 36 Disconcerts MARKETING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR A STUDY ABOUT HOW OUR ADS STIMULATE PEOPLE'S BRAINS. WHO AMONG US WOULD LIKE TO GET A CAT SCAN? 37 Cheaper group? ITLL RUM BAKE OKAY, SERIOUSLY, WHO DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING? 40 Antitoxins SHELVE AKIN 41 Square JAWBREAKE 42 "Full dinner pail" MASONWRY president OILYSAYKNOB 46 Old man of IDOSTNMAGNA Paris? LAWBREAKER 47 Destruction 48 Seine summer POORANADE TI'LL LOOK BETTER ONCE THE ORNAMENTS ARE ON IT! 49 Cattle herder's PLOW O A F I N K ORCA THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE device BIKE KAH 50 Put in the mail DNA 51 Adage 12-24 CRYPTOQUIP GFC'L EFIK CHRISTMAS EVE...

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF TINY PARASITES
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals T

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# **Is relationship with family worth it?**

Dear Abby: From the time that my father left - I was 8 was thrown out of the house at 16, my mother was seriously emotionally abusive and neglectful. She frequently called me filthy names, made bizarre accusations that had no basis in truth, told Dear Abby me I was a "mistake," threatened me, publicly

humiliated and belittled me I am now in my mid-20s and have had no contact with my mother for three years. My older brother is in denial about the abuse and insists that I forgive her and rebuild our relationship. He claims that she's sorry

and she misses me. I recently traveled back to my hometown and visited my mother. She treated me as though I

were a stranger. Afterward, I felt that I could move on, knowing I had done the right thing in deciding to cut her out of my life. Now the rest of the family has turned their backs on me. I would like to maintain a personal relationship with them. but they think I'm a bad person for no longer having a relationship with my mother. Do you have any advice?

- Left in the Cold in Duluth Dear Left in the

Cold: Only this: If the price of having a relationship with your family is tolerating their emotional blackmail and more abuse from your mother, the price is too high.

Dear Abby: Not long ago, we moved into a beautiful new

housing development Neighbors on the street behind us keep their puppy penned up outside day and night in all kinds of weather. Occasionally we see one of their neighbors walk the dog, but other than that, it seems the dog's existence

We would rather not call the homeowners' association or the Humane Society, as these neigh bors seem like decent people. However, it is upsetting our small children, as well as my husband and me, to hear the poor animal cry. We can't imag-ine spending the next 10 years like this. What do you recom-

mend we do? - Canine Lovers in California Dear Canine Lovers: Although you would rather not, for the puppy's sake, pick up the phone and contact the homeowners' association and the Humane Society. You'll be doing the neglected creature - and yourselves - a favor

The owners of that poor ani-mal have no idea how to properly care for a dog. The Humane Society will instruct them on the proper care of their furry family member.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440 Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can writ to Abby on the Internet at to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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Unscramble these four Jumbles.

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to form four ordinary words

TASTLE Now arrange the circled letters to

form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Jumbles: ENEMY STOKE TANDEM ESTATE Yesterday's Answer: Despite a tight budget, he bought a new tuxe-

## is limited to a cement pad covered in you-know-what. Handicaps not always visible

Dear Annie: I've never written before, but after reading your re-sponse to "President of an Assisted Health Care Service in Kansas" in the Wisconsin State Journal, I felt the need. He said handicapped parking spaces should be used only by those in wheel-chairs. Thank you for your response to this

compassionless person. My 80-year-old mother is probably one of those people he complained about. Mom has a collapsed lung, has had back surgery and is prone to blood clots forming in her one good lung. This makes breathing very difficult at times. Yet if you look at her, she seems fine. It's only when you watch closely that you realize she stops every hundred feet or so to catch her breath. There are days she can barely walk across the living room without stopping to rest.

Sure, the system gets abused, but let's have a little compassion. You never know what prob-

lems might be hidden from view. — Madison. Annie's Mailbox

Dear Madison: That writer said we could print his name, but we thought that might not be such a good idea. Read on for more rea-

sons why:

From Arizona: My wonderful daugh-ter-in-law has MS. She

usually has no trouble walking, but at times she gets a tingling in her legs that tells her she only has a few minutes to find a place to rest. I'd like to kick that Kansas Health Care manager right where he won't need a wheelchair, but will have

trouble walking.

Southwest Florida: I'm handicapped but do not require a wheelchair because I can walk short distances. Once inside the store I latch onto a cart, even if I only need a loaf of bread, because the cart serves nicely as a walker. Those handicanned

spaces make a huge difference to

Mississippi: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. As a nurse, I know of so many people who, like you said, need every ounce of energy just to breathe My mother, while not in a wheelchair, is considered handicapped because of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. She needs that

handicapped spot. Ferndale, Calif.: My best friend has rheumatoid arthritis, and every step he takes is painful. Another friend had major surgery and breathes through a tracheotomy. How could anyone object to shortening the distance between car and building for these people? I find it appalling that a healthy person would begrudge the slightest favor to those unfortunate enough to need handicapped parking.

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## **Family Circus**



"Dolly! I think I heard some clatter out on the lawn!"

# MRA 12/24







Stupid clerks



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#### JAPAN TV

Morning 7:30 Disney (12) Afternoon 5:50 News (6)

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- 3:10 Hong Kong Movie (1999): Fly Me to Po-laris (1:50)(12) 4:00 Classical Music (1)(r)

#### JAPAN TV-BS7

Morning 6:15 World News

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- Afternoon 12:15 ABC News 12:35 PGA Tour Golf Lesson (6) 2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News
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#### JAPAN TV-BS11

10:21 Cartoon

Evening 7:00 NHK News 12:30 Classical Music: Opera de Paris "Sleeping Beauty" (r)

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Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Thursday

11:30 U.S. Movie (2003): National Security (1:30)

Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (El) (CC)

1:00 U.S. Movie (1994): The River Wild (2:00) 4:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espano

Evening 8:00 Spanish Soccer Lina Espanola 10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Sightings: Heartland Ghost (1:35)

11:35 TV Series: Friends the Final 3:40 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Holla Latvia 5:50 U.S. Movie (2003): Special Forces (1:40)

#### MTV

11:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 #9-#10 Afternoon 12:00 Classic 90's

The Fairly Odd-Parents (CC)

12:00 Classic 90's 1:00 Screen 1:30 Consensus: Orange Range 2:00 The Super Dry Live Special: Ayumi Hamazaki, Good Charlotte, m-flo, Missy Elliott and Mary J. Bilge 5:00 Cool Christmas 2004

Evening 6:00 M Size Friday

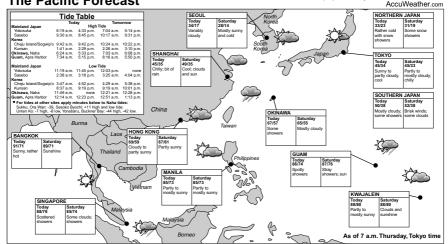
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11:00 World Chart Express Supported by Honda 1:00 YATAI 2:00 M Size Friday

3:00 Cool Christmas 2004 4:00 After Hours

#### The Pacific Forecast

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#### **Extended Forecasts**

#### TOKYO

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 47, low 37. Monday: Partly sunny, high 48, low 39.

#### KADENA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 67, low 57. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 69 low 60

#### SEOUL

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 30, low 14. Monday: Partly sunny, high 29, low 6

#### MANILA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 73. Monday: Mostly cloudy, high 83, low 73.

#### HAGATNA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 76. Monday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 74.

#### Wednesday's USA Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	36/19	Los Angeles	68/46
Amarillo	23/10	Little Rock	40/16
Anchorage	38/30	Louisville	34/24
Asheville	55/44	Miami	79/71
Baltimore	59/43	Milwaukee	14/8
Birmingham	58/36	Nashville	49/27
Bismarck	4/-12	New York	51/46
Boise	36/16	Omaha	16/-5
Boston	48/42	Orlando	79/62
Brownsville	85/44	Philadelphia	55/41
Buffalo	39/32	Phoenix	63/38
Burlington	38/32	Pittsburgh	46/38
Charleston, SC	C 70/57	Portland, OR	48/32
Charlotte	63/48	Portland, ME	41/31
Cleveland	32/28	Salt Lake City	30/14
Columbus, OH	36/31	St. Louis	22/6
Duluth	1/-16	San Antonio	56/25
El Paso	50/29	San Diego	69/46
Hartford	42/30	San Juan	85/72
Helena	22/-6	Tampa	77/65
Indianapolis	24/16	Tulsa	29/9
Jacksonville	74/59	Washington	59/45
Kansas City	15/0	Wichita	22/2



## U.S. Extended Forecast

The Christmas holiday weekend will be dry but quite cold for much of the eastern half of the nation. Friday, bitterly cold air will persist across the northern Plains as the cold air seeps into the East. A bit of rain and snow will taper off across Maine during the morning as a storm system pushes away from the region. The tail of the associated cold front will trigger a few chowers and thunderstorms across Florida, Lake-effect snow bands will fall downwind of the Great Lakes. Meanwhile, rain and snow will dampen the western Gulf Coast states as a few flurries occur across southern New Mexico. Gusty winds will howl across the extreme Southwest

#### Friday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Friday's World Temperatures

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GREEN BAY PACKETS (8-6) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (8-6) Packers: OUT: WIR Robert Ferguson (head/neck). QUESTIONABLE: T Kevin Barry (quadricep): DT James Lee (mee). PROSABLE: IB Nill Diogo Oback/kid-Grady Jackson (mee): G Marco Rivers ney); DE kabeer Goaja-Biamila (neck); DI Grady Jackson (knee); G Marco Rivera (back), Vikings: OUT: CB Ralph Brown (eye), PROBABLE: C Matt Birk (abdomen); T Bryant McKinnie (back); CB Antoine Winfield

## College football

#### Bowl glance

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Thursday, Dec. 23 Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl Payout: \$750,000 Cincinnati (6-5) vs. Marshall (6-5) Las Vegas Bowl Payout: \$575,000 Wyoming (6-5) vs. UCLA (6-5)

Friday, Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl At Honolulu Payout: \$750,000 At Honolulu
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UAB (7-4) Vs. Hawaii (7-5)
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# Darius will likely appeal fine, but wants focus on Ferguson

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Jacksonville safety Donovin Darius probably will appeal the league's \$75,000 fine for his clothesline hit

Sunday temporarily par-NFI alvzed Green Bay receiver briefs Robert Fergu-

Darius hinted Wednesday that he would appeal, but declined to say for certain, wanting the focus to remain on Ferguson's recovery from the vicious shot that put the wideout in the hospital for two

"The money is no issue from a standpoint that a person's safety is the most important thing," Darius said. "I'm glad he's doing well."

Darius said he talked to Ferguson on Monday and apologized for the hit, which came during the fourth quarter of Jacksonville's

28-25 victory. "He said, 'I have the most respect for you and I know it wasn't a dirty shot or anything," Darius said. "For me, that was the peace I needed - to know that the gentleman that was hurt, even within this violent sport, was OK and un-

derstood the intentions of it all. He had no hard feelings. Darius, who was ejected from the game, wasn't suspended because league disciplinarian Gene Washington noted this was the first time he had been fined for a violation

Ferguson caught a pass over the middle, and Darius hit him across the helmet and neck with a forearm.

Ferguson, who was was released from the hospital Tuesday, said he didn't think Darius meant to hurt him and thought the league took the appropriate action. Darius said any possible appeal

"will take care of itself down the

"There's a time to focus on that, and right now is definitely not the time," he said

#### Jets Pro Bowl DE Abraham hopeful to return in playoffs

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - Jets Pro Bowl defensive end John Abraham jogged Wednesday for the first time since spraining his right knee earlier this month, but probably won't play in the final two regular-season games.

eral ligament against Houston on Dec. 5 and will miss his third straight game Sunday against the New England Patriots. There is a chance he can play against St. Louis next week, but the most re-

alistic timetable is in the first round of the playoffs. The Jets need to win one of their final two games to make the playoffs.

"I'm pointing more toward the playoffs, but the Rams game would be nice," Abraham said. "I have to see how I feel after this week

Abraham has 91/2 sacks this season and was voted to the Pro Bowl despite playing in 12 games Even when he does return, Abraham will be limited

"I'm sure when I come back I'm not going to be able to play as many plays as I played because I've been out for over a month," Abraham said. "I'm just trying to come back and do a little bit at first and hopefully we can slide in the playoffs and not worry about rushing into anything.

#### Dolphins want to talk with LSU's Saban again

DAVIE, Fla. - Miami Dolphins owner Wavne Huizenga wants to talk with LSU coach Nick Saban again before offering anyone the team's coaching job.

Saban interviewed with Huizenga last week and is the front-runner to become the sixth coach in Dolphins history. Former Oakland Raiders coach Art Shell interviewed Monday, and Dolphins interim coach Jim Bates interviewed Tuesday.

Emerging from his meeting with Bates, Huizenga declined to say whether there are other candidates. But he said the Dolphins weren't ready to make an offer.

We still have a lot of work to do," Huizenga said. "We just have to figure out how soon we can get it done. Hopefully it won't be too much longer

#### Bears put Urlacher on IR

LAKE FOREST, Ill. - Brian Urlacher was placed on injured reserve by the Chicago Bears on Wednesday, officially ending an injury-plagued season for the star

Urlacher pulled his left hamstring Dec. 12 against the Jacksonville Jaguars, forcing him to leave the game early and miss Sunday's 24-5 loss to the Texans.

Urlacher, who failed to make the Pro Bowl for the first time in five seasons, missed two games following surgery to relieve internal bleeding in his left calf and missed the third and fourth games of the season with a pulled right hamstring.

#### Cowboys sticking with

Testaverde as starting QB IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells thinks Vinny Testaverde gives the Dallas Cowboys the best chance to win, so he's keeping the 41-year-old as his starting quar-

There was speculation Parcells was going to turn to one of his voungsters, either highly touted rookie Drew Henson or Tony Romo, who was promoted to second string last week.

But with Dallas (5-9) still having a slim chance of making the playoffs. Parcells is sticking with Testaverde for Sunday's game against the Washington Redskins While Testaverde will start, Parcells said Romo will get extra work in practice and may see some playing time.

"I'm of the mind-set that I might use Romo," Parcells said. The Cowboys have been under

.500 since the fifth game and every week Parcells has been asked why isn't he doesn't use Henson or Romo. He repeatedly said Testaverde was the better op tion for the upcoming game, adding that going with youth would be an indication to the rest of the team he was giving up on this sea-



Vinny Testaverde, the Cowboys' 41-year-old OB, will start his 15th game of the year on Sunday.

#### **NFL Playoff Scenarios** FOR WEEK 16

AFC EAST

New England can clinch first-round bye with: 1) A win OR 2) A tie and San Diego-In-

New York Jets can clinch playoff berth with: JA win or tie, OR 2) Buffalo and Balth-with: JA win or tie, OR 2) Buffalo and Balth-wille lose or tie, OR 4) Baltimore, Denver and Jacksonville lose or tie, OR 5) Buffalo and Denver lose or tie, OR 5) Buffalo and Denver lose or tie, plus Baltimore clinches strength of victory over Jackson-ville in this tiebreaker scenario.

AFC NORTH

Pittsburgh has clinched division title.

Pittsburgh can clinch homefield advantage throughout playoffs with: 1) A win of 2) A tle and a New England loss or tle, OR 3) New England loss and Indianapolis-Sapliego tie.

Indianapolis has clinched division title Jacksonville can clinch playoff beth with: 1) Jacksonville win, plus Buffalo, Balti-more, Denver lose and Jacksonville clinch-es strength of victory tiebreaker over Buffa-lo, Baltimore and Denver.

AFC WEST ed division title NFC EAST

Philadelphia has clinched division title and homefield advantage throughout the

Green Bay has clinched a playoff berth and can clinch the division title with a win Minnesota can clinch division title with a

Minnesota can clinch playoff berth with: 1) A tie, OR 2) Either St. Louis or Carolina NFC SOUTH

on title and a Carolina can clinch playoff berth with: 1) A win + St. Louis loss + New Orleans loss or tie + Chicago loss or tie + Seattle win + Dal-las-Washington tie.

Seattle can clinch division title with: 1) A win and a St. Louis loss or tie, OR 2) A tie and a St. Louis loss.

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By The Associated Press

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# **Dodgers back out of deal, angering Yanks**

# New York thought Johnson trade was final, pursued CF Beltran

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — By the time top Yankees officials were done meeting with Carlos Beltran, they knew their trade to acquire Randy Johnson had fallen

through.

The Los Angeles Dodgers reversed course Tuesday and withdrew from the proposed three-team, 10-player deal that would have sent Johnson from the Arizona Diamondbacks to the Yankees.

"As we sit here right now, the deal is no more," Dodgers General Manager Paul DePodesta said during a conference call.

"I've been saying all along that we weren't going to do the deal unless it made sense for this club in 2005, and that was not the case." Los Angeles would have received right-hander Javier Vazquez from the Yankees along with two top prospects, catcher Dioner Navarro and third baseman Eric Duncan. The Dodgers also would have gotten pitcher Mike Koplove from Arizona.

Arizona would have obtained outfielder Shawn Green and pitchers Brad Penny, Yhency Brazoban and Brandon Weeden from the Dodgers

Along with Johnson, the Yankees would have gotten pitcher Kaz Ishii from Los Angeles.

"The Dodgers reneged on the deal that was agreed to last Friday, unequivocally and with no contingencies except for a window for contract extensions and physicals," Yankees President Randy Levine said. "For some reason, the Dodgers over the weekend started to backpedal.

Why they would break their word is only something they can answer. It sure is disappointing, and we'll have to think long and hard before ever doing business with the Dodgers again."

Diamondbacks managing general partner Ken Kendrick wouldn't comment on the Dodgers' decision. Johnson has asked for a trade, and Kendrick intends to resolve the Big Unit's situation by the end of the month.

"We don't think it's a healthy thing for us or for him for the uncertainty of his situation to contin-

ue into next year," Kendrick said.
Levine and general manager
Brian Cashman went to Florida to
join owner George Steinbrenner
in the meeting with Beltran, likely to get the largest contract
among this offseason's free
agents. The session at Legends
Field in Tampa, which also includ-

ed agent Scott Boras, lasted about one hour and no offers were made.

Beltran and Boras on Wednes-

day spoke with Houston Astros officials at the team's spring training facility in Kissimmee, Fla.

"We feel we had a positive discussion today," Astros owner Drayton McLane said in a statement. "We'll continue to have dialogue in the hopes of having Carlos in an Astros uniform for many

Beltran batted .417 for the Astros in the NL championship series, with four home runs, five RBIs and four steals after hitting .455 with four homers and nine RBIs in the division series.

In free agent news, third baseman Joe Randa agreed Tuesday to a \$2.15 million, one-year contract with Cincinnati, and Colorado agreed to one-year contracts

that kept catcher Todd Greene (\$750,000) and right-hander Jamey Wright (\$550,000) with the Rockies.

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In addition, the Yankees finalized their \$4 million, two-year contract with second baseman Tony Womack, a deal agreed to

New York also reached a preliminary agreement with right-hander Tanyon Sturtze on a one-year deal worth about \$850,000 and on Wednesday finalized its \$39.95 million, four-year contract with right-hander Carl Pavano.

Several of the 41 players cut loose by their teams a day earlier agreed Tuesday to re-sign, moves that got around baseball's maximum-cut rule. The group included Chicago White Sox catcher Ben Davis (SI million) and Philadelphia reliever Amaury Telemaco (S600.000).

# Stoudamire has impressive return for No. 14 Arizona

The Associated Pre-

Salim Stoudamire was suspended for Arizona's last game and the Wildcats had their lowest point total in 19 years.

The senior guard was back Tuesday night, and No. 14 Arizona responded with its highest-scoring game of the season, a 105-75 rout of Manhattan.

Stoudamire played 20 minutes and had 23 points on 7-of-8 shooting from three-point range. He made his first seven three-point shots, then threw up an air ball in an attempt to tie Jason Gardner's school record.

"He got hit on the elbow or that one might have gone in, too," said Arizona coach Lute Olson, who suspended Stoudamire for last College basketball roundup weekend's 48-43 victory at Marquette because the guard pouted in the previ-

ous game.
Olson told Stoudamire to be himself and quit worrying so

"I wanted to have fun regardless of if I played good or not," said Stoudamire, who had seven threes for the fourth time in his career. "I wanted to go out and smile and have fun."

Channing Frye added 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Wildcats (8-2), who won their fifth straight.

(8-2), who won their fifth straight. Freshman C.J. Anderson scored 22 points on 7-for-9 shooting for Manhattan (4-3), which

for the Tar Heels (9-1).

committed 24 turnovers.

Men's Top 25

No. 3 Oklahoma St. 92, NW
Oklahoma 35: At Stillwater,
Okla, John Lucas and Joey Graham each scored 21 points and
the Cowboys (9-0) set a school
record with 15 three-pointers.
JamesOn Curry had eight
straight points in a 12-0 run that

put Öklahoma State ahead 87-27.

No. 4 North Carolina 93, Wernott 65: At Chapel Hill, N.C.,
Rashad McCants was held out of
the starting lineup because he
was late after getting stuck in traffic, but he bounced back from the
brief benching to score 19 points

No. 13 Gonzaga 83, E. Wash-

ington 70: At Spokane, Wash., Adam Morrison scored 25 points for the Bulldogs (9-1), who won their sixth straight overall and 19th in a row over their in-state

No. 16 North Carolina St. 72, BYU 61: At Provo, Utah, Julius Hodge scored 22 points, including four free throws over the final two minutes, and the Wolfpack (9-1) bounced back from Sunday's 68-64 loss at No. 12 Wash-

No. 17 lowa 83, Texas Tech 53: At Chicago, Adam Haluska matched his career-high with 21 points and the Hawkeyes (10-1) had 10 blocked shots as Steve Alford beat Bob Knight, his college coach, for the first time in four etings.

No. 18 Louisville 80, IUPUI 60: At Louisville, Ky., Freshman Juan Palacios had 25 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Cardinals (7-2), who won in the first round of the Billy Minardi Classic despite not having Ellis Myles and Otis George, their two leading rebounders, because of injuries.

No. 23 Michigan St. 76, UCLA 64: At East Lansing, Mich., Paul Davis scored 18 points and the Spartans (7-2) won their fourth straight game.

Service academies

Navy 90, Mount St. Mary's 81: At Emmitsburg, Md., Matt Fannin scored a game-high 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Navy (4-6).

# 'Determination, hard work' paid off for Yongsan's Bartley

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — All-Armed Forces point guard Ronald Bartley says his successful 2004 didn't come without a lot of resolve and without having to prove himself on each step to the pinnacle of U.S. military basketball.

"To go from here to make All-Army and then All-Armed



Mondays in Stars and Stripes

Forces, it was all determination and hard work," said Bartley, 28, of Norfolk, Va., an Army specialist and a military policeman at South Korea's Yongsan Garrison.

That determination and hard work led Bartley to a fulfilling year.

■ The 37-5 record Bartley and the Yongsan Runnin' Rebels compiled in the 2003-04 Korea Traveling League season and the three all-tournament and two MVP selections Bartley picked up along

■ Making the All-Army team the first time he tried. Army won the All-Armed Forces gold medal in June at Charleston Air Force

■ Selection to the All-Armed Forces team. With Bartley running the point, Armed Forces earned a bronze medal in the International Military Sports Council Games in July at Zagreb, Croatia, then a gold medal in the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe tournament earlier this month.

"It was one of the greatest experiences of my entire life," he said.

"You travel with guys who you've never played with before and you form a team, you become a family," he said. "And you play against teams from all around the world, especially that game we had with Lithuania" — a 94-87 victory in the SHAPE tournament. "There's nothing like it."

It certainly was nothing like his life just two years ago. He was one semester away from getting his degree; son Nehemiah had just been born; Bartley needed money. So the career Navy sailor's son joined the Army.

And basketball became just a part-time gig; his main job is wearing an Army uniform. "Work always comes first," he said.

But because of that invitation to the All-Army camp, he's also got-

ten to spend a lot of time wearing an Army basketball uniform.

"As many as 200 guys apply and they only invite 60; then you have to make the camp," Bartley said. "You have to play the best of the best. You have to prove yourself all over again."

His 8th Military Police Brigade supported him strongly, he said.

"There was never a time when they said no, even when I was new. All they asked in return was for me to work hard and be a good

Yongsan had a rough time during this week's Osan Pacificwide Open Holiday Basketball Tournament, eliminated in two playoff games.

It just shows, he contends, that he's reached the top; he knows he's a marked man and the Runnin' Rebels are a marked team.

"It gets harder now," he said.
"People point to me and say, 'Oh,
that's the All-Armed Forces guy.'
Somebody is always going to be



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Strip Ronald Bartley, right, of Korea's Yongsan Runnin' Rebels was

chosen for the All-Army and All-Armed Forces basketball teams this year.

watching me, thinking they can do better and try to knock me off. You have to maintain your game and stature. Every time, it's a new steppingstone."

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Bartley said he plans to return to All-Army camp to "prove myself all over again."

"I'll keep doing it until my legs fall off," he said.

# **Bowl a ball for Georgia Tech, QB**

By MARK LONG The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Reggie Ball walked off the field after the Champs Sports Bowl with the most valuable player trophy under his left

He might want to bring it with him to spring practice

Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey, who has been critical of his sophomore quarterback all season, reiterated this week that Ball will have to win back the starting job next year.

Ball certainly stated his case Tuesday night. He threw two touchdown passes, ran for a score and led the Yellow Jackets to a 51-14 vic-

tory over Syracuse.
"I just let loose," Ball said. "I wasn't wo ried about proving anything. I know what I can do. I know what kind of leader I am."

Ball finished 12-for-19 for 207 yards with an interception, had 38 yards rushing and was named the game's MVP.

"He went out and performed extremely well, especially early in the game," Gailey said. "He's had a lot of criticism this year and suffered through a lot of adversity. I'm happy

Much of the criticism came from Gailey, who expected more from Ball.

Ball opened the season with two strong games, then threw twice as many intercep-tions (16) as touchdowns in the final nine

games Gailey even said Ball would have to earn back the starting job during spring practice But Ball may have done that against the Or-

He got plenty of help, though. P.J. Daniels ran 17 times for 119 yards and two scores, Calvin Johnson set a school record for touchdowns by a freshman with his sev enth, and the defense set the tone by returning an interception for a touchdown on the second play of the game. The unit added a safety with 1:42 to play.

Even special teams played a role, blocking a punt in the first quarter that the Yellow Jackets (7-5) converted into a touchdown.

The loss was the worst in a bowl game for Syracuse (6-6) since the 1953 Orange Bowl, a 61-6 drubbing by Alabama. It also means more questions about the future of embattled coach Paul Pasqualoni.

Syracuse chancellor Nancy Cantor gave Pasqualoni a vote of confidence earlier this month, saying he would be retained for a 15th season. But the school also named longtime Southern California administrator Daryl

Gross the new athletic director last week. Gross replaces Jake Crouthamel, one of Pasqualoni's biggest supporters.

Gross dispelled rumors that he was already thinking about a replacement. However, he also said he would evaluate the athletic department after he completes his move in late Janu-

Georgia Tech's dominance Tuesday certain ly won't help Pasqualoni.

Chris Reis intercepted Perry Patterson's first pass and returned it 20 yards for a touch-



Georgia Tech's Calvin Johnson makes a diving catch for a touchdown in front of Syracuse's O'Neil Scott (21) and Dan Weiss (22) in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando, Fla.



Georgia Tech quarterhack Reggie Rall celebrates with the MVP trophy after Georgia Tech defeated Syracuse in the Champs Sports Bowl on Tuesday, 51-14. Ball threw two TDs.

"From the first pass of the game, things seemed to go against us," Pasqualoni said. "It was just one of those days where nothing we did went well." After Syracuse made it 7-6, Georgia Tech

scored touchdowns on three consecutive possessions to pretty much put the game away before halftime. 'We punched them in the mouth, but they

punched right back," Syracuse safety Dia-mond Ferri said. "They deserved to win."

Ball found Johnson for a 10-yard score to make it 14-6. After getting the hall back, Ball rolled right and found Nate Curry down the

sideline for an 80-yard touchdown - the longest play of the season for the Yellow Jackets and the longest pass of Ball's career.

Syracuse went three-and-out on the ensuing ession, and Xavier McGuire blocked the nunt to give his team the hall at the 14 Rall completed a third-down pass to the 2, and

Daniels took it in from there.

Tech made it 35-6 just before halftime thanks mostly to Johnson.

He burned cornerback Tanard Jackson and made a spectacular 51-yard catch over Ferri. He scored six plays later on an end around from the 5-yard line

#### Georgia Tech 51, Syracuse 14

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# Sooners DE sees USC's offense as 'average'

BY JEFF LATZKE The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. - Get the bulletin board ready: Oklahoma de-fensive end Larry Birdine thinks Southern California's offense is "average."

Birdine made that known Tuesday in a series of statements that showed he wasn't impressed with the offense the No. 1 Trojans will bring to the Orange Bowl to face the Sooners on Jan. 4.

"I feel like they're, I'd say, a one-and-a-half-man team," Birdine said. "I want to respect them just because I have to play them, but then I watch them on tane and everything, and I realize that they're an average team

Birdine repeatedly praised Reggie Bush, the Trojans' All-American all-purpose player who returns punts, lines up as a tailback and wide receiver, and finished fifth in the Heisman voting.

But Birdine had little positive to say about Bush's teammates on offense, particularly quarterback Matt Leinart.

"Besides Reggie Bush — he's a great athlete, he's a fast back, he makes plays or whatever - but nobody else stands out to me," Birdine said. "Matt Leinart, he's the Heisman Trophy winner, but he hasn't been driving them - or he hasn't been winning games. Up 'til the last four or five games, Reggie Bush has been their difference-maker

We feel like if we take Reggie out of the game, we're gonna win Birdine doesn't think Leinart should have won the Heisman and that's not just because he was rooting for teammates Adrian Peterson and Jason White, who finished second and third.

"If anybody should have won it from USC, it should have been Reggie Bush," Birdine said. "I don't think that [Leinart] was the best quarterback. [Utah's] Alex Smith - he was better than Matt Leinart. I don't think Matt Leinart should have won.

Birdine later added: "He's definitely overrated. Like I said, he's a good quarterback, but he's not a Heisman-winning quarterback.

Birdine said he realized he was providing USC with motivational material and said his opinions didn't necessarily reflect the mind-set of the team.

"I don't know if that's the mood in the locker room." Birdine said. "I ask some guys and they say, 'They're good.' I haven't them on defense, but if our offense don't turn the ball over and their offense can't score, then I believe we're going to win the game.

Not surprisingly, Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops had a far different take on USC Asked about Leinart's positives

and negatives. Stoons said the Trojans' quarterback was "very wise and smart the way he plays and the way he's coached. He makes very few poor decisions. He's a great decision-maker. He has a great arm, he's very accurate. He's got the poise you look for in the pocket."

## **BCS:** New formula made each vote more important record that USC and Oklahoma

BCS, FROM BACK PAGE

"Furthermore to the extent that the public does not fully understand the relationship between BCS and AP, any animosity toward BCS may get trans-ferred to AP. And to the extent that the public has equated or comes to equate the AP poll with the BCS rankings, the indepen-dent reputation of the AP poll is

The latest BCS formula was installed after Southern California, the No. 1 team in both the media

the BCS title game last season. LSU beat Oklahoma for the BCS title and USC won the AP title creating the type of split championship situation that, in part, the BCS was created to avoid

But the new system has also come under fire.

For the first time in the BCS era, three teams from major conferences — Southern California, Oklahoma and Auburn - finished unbeaten in the regular season. Auburn was left out of the Orange Bowl with the same 12-0 Texas passed California for the

last at-large bid in the final BCS standings, and had many lamenting the BCS.

The ESPN/USA Today poll caught the brunt of the criticism in the Texas-Cal argument. Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen and Cal coach Jeff Tedford both called for the coaches to make their ballots public. That request was denied.

The AP votes are public information, and the final individual day as the final BCS standings. 'The Associated Press has not

at any time given permission to wl Championship Series to use its proprietary ranking of col-lege football teams," the AP said in a statement Tuesday.

This unauthorized use of the AP poll has harmed AP's reputa-tion and interfered with AP's agreements with AP poll voters To preserve its reputation for honesty and integrity, the AP is asking the BCS to discontinue its unauthorized use of the AP poll as a component of BCS rankings."

# James outshines Garnett

The reigning MVP heard a familiar chant, though it was not directed at him.

Fans in Cleveland chanted "M-V-P!" in support of LeBron James on Tuesday night as the 19-year old was leading the Cleve-land Cavaliers to a 107-97 victory over Kevin Garnett and the Minnesota Timberwolves.

"I didn't hear them," James said. "I heard the roar.

James scored 26 points with 12 assists and six rebounds, and Cleveland answered every time Minnesota threatened in the fourth quarter

Garnett, last season's league MVP, had 26 points, 13 rebounds and six assists for the Timber-

wolves.

"He's a lot more aggressive this year," Garnett said of James, whose team sits aton the Central Division with a 15-10 record. "He understands the game a lot more. He's picking and choosing when to attack. His jump shot is 100 percent better. He's totally confident you can see that."

The Timberwolves were within 83-74 when James re-entered the game after sitting for 2:34. He immediately hit a 19-foot baseline fadeaway, a runner from 11 feet and made two free throws as the Cavs regained control.

Later, he grabbed a rebound, pushed the ball up the floor and



whipped a pass underneath to Drew Gooden, whose dunk gave

Cleveland a 99-88 lead "Well, the reigning MVP is a monster," Cleveland coach Paul Silas said. "But LeBron played very well. When we needed it, he provided it. Big shots, big re-

bounds, whatever we needed Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 25 points, and Jeff McInnis had 21 for the Cavaliers, who kept their poise down the stretch against one of the Western Conference's ton teams one game after blowing a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter and losing to Boston.

Mavericks 123, Knicks 94: Josh Howard had career highs of 26 points and 16 rebounds, and Dallas opened a 39-point halftime lead in New York.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 23 points all in the first half, and Michael Finley added 21 for the Maver icks in what was easily their most lopsided victory of the season.

Heat 108, Celtics 100: At Miami, Dwyane Wade had 33 points and 11 assists, Udonis Haslem scored 18 points and tied a career-high with 17 rebounds as Miami extended its winning streak to nine games.
The Heat improved to an East-

ern Conference-best 20-9 despite not having Shaquille O'Neal, who missed his first game of the season because of a left calf bruise sustained during Sunday's win over Orlando

Nets 94. Bobcats 91: Richard Jefferson scored 26 points as New Jersey snapped the Bobcats five-game home winning streak.

Jefferson scored 11 of New Jer-sev's final 14 points as the Nets won for the first time in four games. Vince Carter still hasn't played for New Jersey because of a sore Achilles' tendon

Kings 104. Wizards 93: At Sacramento, Calif., Peja Stojakovic hit five three-pointers, and Mike Bibby scored seven of his 24 points in the fourth quarter of the Kings' 16th victory in 19 games.

Stoiakovic scored 26 points and Chris Webber had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Kings, who lost top reserve Bobby Jackson late in the first half with a sprained right wrist.

Clippers 100, Hornets 91, OT: At Los Angeles, Bobby Sim-mons scored 30 points, Rick Brunson scored 11 of his 18 in overtime and the Clippers beat New Orleans after blowing a 21-point, third-quarter lead.

The Clippers, who had lost 10 of their previous 13 meetings with the Hornets, ended a five-game losing streak. Elton Brand had 23 points and 13 re-

# O'Neal's suspension cut; others upheld

# NBA will challenge decision by arbitrator in federal court

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Jermaine O'Neal won a 10-game reduction Wednesday in his suspension for fighting with fans during the Nov. 19 Pacers-Pistons brawl, but an arbitrator also unheld NRA Commissioner David Stern's bans on Ron Artest and two other Indiana

players. The league said it would go to federal court to challenge arbitra-Roger Kaplan's decision, which could make O'Neal eligible to return Saturday when the Pac-ers host the Detroit Pistons in the teams' first matchup since one of the most violent melees in NBA

"We have consistently main. tained that the arbitrator has no legitimate role in this matter." NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "While we obviously agree with Mr. Kaplan's decision upholding virtually all of the suspensions, we don't agree with his conclusion that the conduct did not occur on the playing court. and we have no choice other than to challenge it in federal court."

A hearing was set for 10 a.m. Thursday in U.S. District Court In a 28-page decision, Kaplan

upheld Artest's season-long suspension and the penalties given to Stenhen Jackson (30 games) and Anthony Johnson (five games). O'Neal's ban was reduced from 25 games to 15

The union had asked for sub-

ties during a six-hour arbitration hearing at a Manhattan law of-

The NBA declined to participate, saying Kaplan had no juris-diction to arbitrate penalties for on-court behavior an area in which the league contends the commissioner has sole discretion.

'We're extremely pleased that Jermaine will have the opportunity to play, although we respectfully disagree with the decision on the other three players," players' union director Billy Hunter said. "We are also pleased that the arbitrator has affirmed the right of players to appeal disciplinary measures.'

Kaplan ruled that he had jurisdiction to hear the case, and that Stern had just cause to issue the suspensions he gave to Artest, Jackson and Johnson

The reasoning for his reduction of O'Neal's suspension was not immediately clear.

"We're gratified that the arbitrator ruled in our favor," said Arn Tellem, O'Neal's agent. "Jermaine is anxious to put this matter behind him."

The NBA has already filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court chal-lenging Kaplan's authority to hear the grievance, a complaint that remains pending before U.S. District Judge George B. Daniels.

Each of the players testified before Kaplan during the hearing, and union attorneys submitted three lines of argument on the issue of jurisdiction.

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# Average MLB salary drops

NEW YORK — Baseball sala ries went down in 2004 for the first time in a decade and only the third



record-keeping began nearly 40 vears ago

The average dropped 2.5 percent this year to \$2,313,535, according to final figures released Tuesday by the Major League Baseball Players Association. The average had been \$2,372,189

Since the union started keeping track in 1967, the only previous decreases had been an \$86 drop in 1987, when owners were found to have conspired to hold down salaries among free agents, and a 4 percent decline in 1995, follow ing a 71/2-month strike that wiped out the World Series for the first time since 1904.

The players' association has spent the past two years trying to determine whether to file a new collusion grievance but has not taken action. Union head Donald Fehr said he hadn't determined

what to attribute the drop to. "Obviously, we've been looking at things closely the last couple of years and we'll have to see how things play out," he said. "It's too early to tell."

#### Bertuzzi pleads guilty to on-ice assault

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - Vancouver Canucks forward Todd Bertuzzi pleaded guilty to assault Wednesday, more than nine months after slugging Colorado forward Steve Moore from behind and driving his face into the ice during a game.

A lawyer acting on behalf of Moore asked the judge to delay sentencing until January to give his client a chance to travel to Vancouver to make a statement Moore was hospitalized with with three fractured vertebrae, facial cuts, post-concussion symptoms and amnesia

Judge Herb Weitzel said he would decide Wednesday when he would deliver his sentence.

Bertuzzi was suspended indefinitely by the NHL, missing 13 reg ular-season games and seven post season games while losing nearly \$502,000 in salary.

# **SPORTS**



Arbitrator rules J. O'Neal's suspension should be reduced by 10 games. Page 31

# **AP** wants poll out of BCS

BY RALPH D RUSSO

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - It looks as if the Bowl Championship Series is headed for another major overhaul.

The Associated Press has told the BCS to stop using its college football poll to determine which teams play for the national title and in the most prestigious bowl games.

Since the BCS was implemented in 1998 by officials from the Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, Atlantic Coast Conference, Pac-10, Southeastern Conference and Notre Dame. the formula it uses to rank teams has been tweaked almost every year. But the AP poll and the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll have always been an integral part.

tioned and had reached the point where it threatened to undermine

dence and integrity of the poll.

The AP sent BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg a cease-and-desist letter, dated Dec. 21, stating that use of the poll is unlawful and harms the

AP's reputation P's reputation.
"We respect the decision of the Associated Press to no longer have its poll included in the BCS standings," Weiberg said in a statement Tuesday. "Since the inception of the BCS, the AP poll has been part of our standings. We appreciate the cooperation we have received from the organization in providing rankings on a weekly basis. We will discuss alternatives to the Associated Press noll at the uncoming BCS meetings and plan to conclude our evaluation of the BCS standings formula, including any other possible changes, by our April meeting."

Where the BCS goes from here won't be determined for a while, but

even before the AP made its noll off limits Weiberg had said that the BCS planned to look into the possibility of using a selection committee to create the bowl matchups, much like the NCAA Divi-

sion I basketball tournament. This season, the AP and coaches poll were given more weight than ever in the BCS standings. Each poll accounted for one-third of a team's BCS grade and total points were factored in, not just ranking, which was the case before.

A compilation of six computer rankings made up the final third of teams' BCS grade.

The new system put heighten scrutiny on the two polls.

In its letter, the AP said some of its poll voters had indicated they might no longer narticinate because of concerns over having their reporters be so closely involved in the process of determining which teams

play where.
"By stating that the AP poll is one of the three components used by BCS to establish its rankings, BCS conveys the impression that AP condones or otherwise participates in the BCS system," the letter said.

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# **Jackets jump on Orange**



Georgia Tech's Chris Reis, second from left, celebrates with teammates Kenny Scott (2), Nathan Burton (15) and Dawan Landry (20) after intercepting a Syracuse pass and running it in for a TD in the first quarter of the Champs Sports Bowl. See story on Page 30.



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